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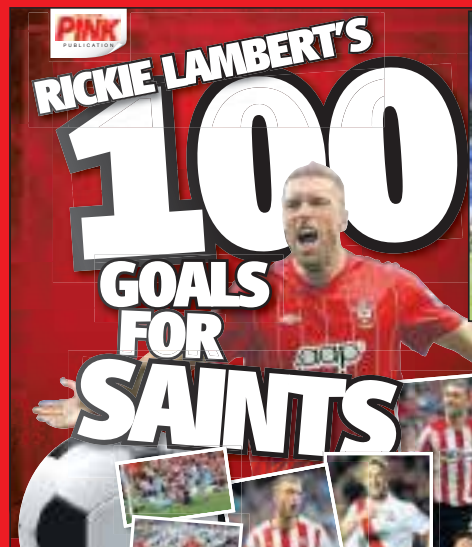
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SAINTS 1 QPR 2

QUEEN'S PARK Rangers showed there is still life in Saints' relegation rivals with a win at St Mary's.
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SAINTS 1 QPR 2: BOTHROYD'S GOAL SETS

SMASH AND RAID STUNS

HARRY Redknapp's much anticipated St Mary's return ended with his QPR side bagging only their third league win of the entire season to leave Saints still with plenty of work to do.

Saints dominated possession for large spells of the game but struggled to turn that into chances and suffered a defeat that left birthday boys Mauricio Pochettino and Redknapp with very contrasting moods.

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Redknapp's exit from the tunnel and into the dugout at the start of the game was greeted with the expected boos, and

some slightly more colourful language aimed towards him as well.

Probably of more concern to him though was that his side could barely get a touch of the ball in the opening stages of the game.

Saints had total control of possession and the game.

Adam Lallana was the first to try and turn that into a goal with a shot from 20 yards out but he sliced wide with his right foot.

Jason Puncheon had a shout for a penalty turned down on 12 minutes as he went down in the six yard box but though there may have been slight contact it would have been harsh.

But amazingly it was QPR who took the lead two minutes later with their first attack of the game.

It was an incredibly disappointing for Saints defensively as they were undone by one ball over the top.

Loic Remy was set away from Danny Fox and Maya Yoshida and the QPR striker fired a

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half volley past Boruc.

Fox had retreated to the line but was unable to clear the powerful effort.

Jay Bothroyd became the first player in the book for a nasty late challenge on Nathaniel Clyne.

Remy had another effort at the Saints goal on 22 minutes but this time Boruc was able to save even if he did spill it wide.

Stephane Mbia added his name to the yellow card count after bringing down Jack Cork.

After an uncertain spell following conceding the goal Saints started to settle down again.

Once more they were dominating possession and looking the far more likely.

But for all that with half an

hour gone they were still yet to create a chance of note.

There was a break in play and Saints' rhythm due to a nasty clash of heads between Clint Hill and Lallana but both players were eventually able to continue.

However, a few minutes later Lallana was sat on the turf again and was lead off the pitch looking dazed and confused, clearly still suffering.

Saints duly made their first change two minutes before the break with Jay Rodriguez coming on.

Armand Traore was the third QPR player on the book for a foul and there few complaints from him.

As the half wore into injury time Saints got themselves an equaliser.

Rodriguez made an immediate impact by unleashing a powerful shot from 25 yards that dipped just in front of Julio Cesar.

The QPR keeper could only spill the ball out in front of him and Gaston Ramirez was following in and produced the most lovely of delicate lofted finishes over Cesar and into the net.

Jose Fonte was the first Saints player in the book.

There was still time for Bothroyd to slash wide but when the half time whistle went Saints were deservedly level and had all to play for.

Fonte had a go at the start of the second half but fired just narrowly wide.

The pattern was already similar to the start of the first half with Saints dominating the possession and looking the

SAINTS				QPR			
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TEAM NEWS				TEAM NEWS			
MAURICIO Pochettino made four changes to the Saints side that lost 4-2 at Newcastle for the visit of QPR. Luke Shaw had been an injury doubt before the game after being forced off at St James' Park. He was included on the bench but				left out of the starting line-up for Danny Fox. Jose Fonte returned to the team for the first time since injuring his knee against Chelsea on January 5 with Jos Hooiveld dropping out of			
				the match day squad. In the three forward positions off of Rickie Lambert there were recalls for Jason Puncheon and Gaston Ramirez with Steven Davis and Jay Rodriguez the men missing out. Guly do Prado returned to the subs bench.			

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Saints Spotlight

THE DANGER SIGNALS FLASHING AT ST MARY'S

GRAB SAINTS



ABOVE: Danny Fox confronts Loic Remy. RIGHT Jason Puncheon takes on QPR's Jose Bosingwa. Below: Jack Cork (left) and Maya Yoshida (right) battle for the ball in the air with matchwinner Jay Bothroyd (centre).

more composed and better team.

QPR made their first change on 54 minutes with Jermaine Jenas replacing Esteban Granero.

Rodriguez came across on to his right foot and curled a shot from the edge of the area just over the bar.

Fox was the second Saints player to be forced off injured with Luke Shaw coming on to replace him.

As the half reached the midway point it was in a bit of a lull.

Saints were still the better side but chances were at a premium for both sides and it looked like both for readying themselves for a big onslaught towards the end of the match.

Cesar had received treatment for a dead leg and Rodriguez wasted no time testing him out with a low shot that the keeper spilled.

That was to be the last

action for Cesar who was forced off with Rob Green coming on after 75 minutes.

Saints also made their final change with James Ward-Prowse replacing Ramirez.

Just like the first half though Saints found themselves behind.

Saints were somewhat caught out down as QPR pressed down the right as Ji-Sung Park was played in.

Maya Yoshida failed to make the clearance as Park slid in and then continued to the by-line with the ball.

He looked up and fired it across into the six yard where Bothroyd nipped ahead of everyone to steer home from close range.

Shaw had a low drive from distance but it was a simple save for Green to make.

Suddenly there was a real urgency about Saints while QPR were dropping deep.

Rodriguez tried to flick in a header but directed it wide.

Yoshida may have thought he had levelled things up on 86 minutes when he lost his marker from a corner and arrowed in a header that Green did superbly to dive to his right and turn wide.

Moments later the sub keeper was in action again, turning wide low at his near post after a low drive from Fonte was fired in.

QPR made a final change late on with Fabio coming on for Bothroyd.

When the fourth official held up the board it showed six minutes of added time for Saints to try and rescue something.

But they never created another opening and when the final whistle went it was QPR celebrating a rare victory and Redknapp walking off with the spoils.



Errors worry Poch

MAURICIO Pochettino was left ruing two mistakes that cost his team a hurtful home defeat against bottom of the table QPR.

The Saints boss won't have found much reason for cheer on his birthday as his side slipped to a 2-1 loss with goals from Loic Remy and Jay Bothroyd cancelling out the effort from Gaston Ramirez.



POCHETTINO

It meant a winning return to St Mary's for Harry Redknapp and after the game Pochettino was clearly frustrated.

"We basically made two mistakes that led to conceding two goals," he said.

"We put in an effort big enough to manage a better result but they had three chances and scored twice and we weren't able to score more than them.

"Perhaps we didn't create enough chances but we did have more chances than they did."



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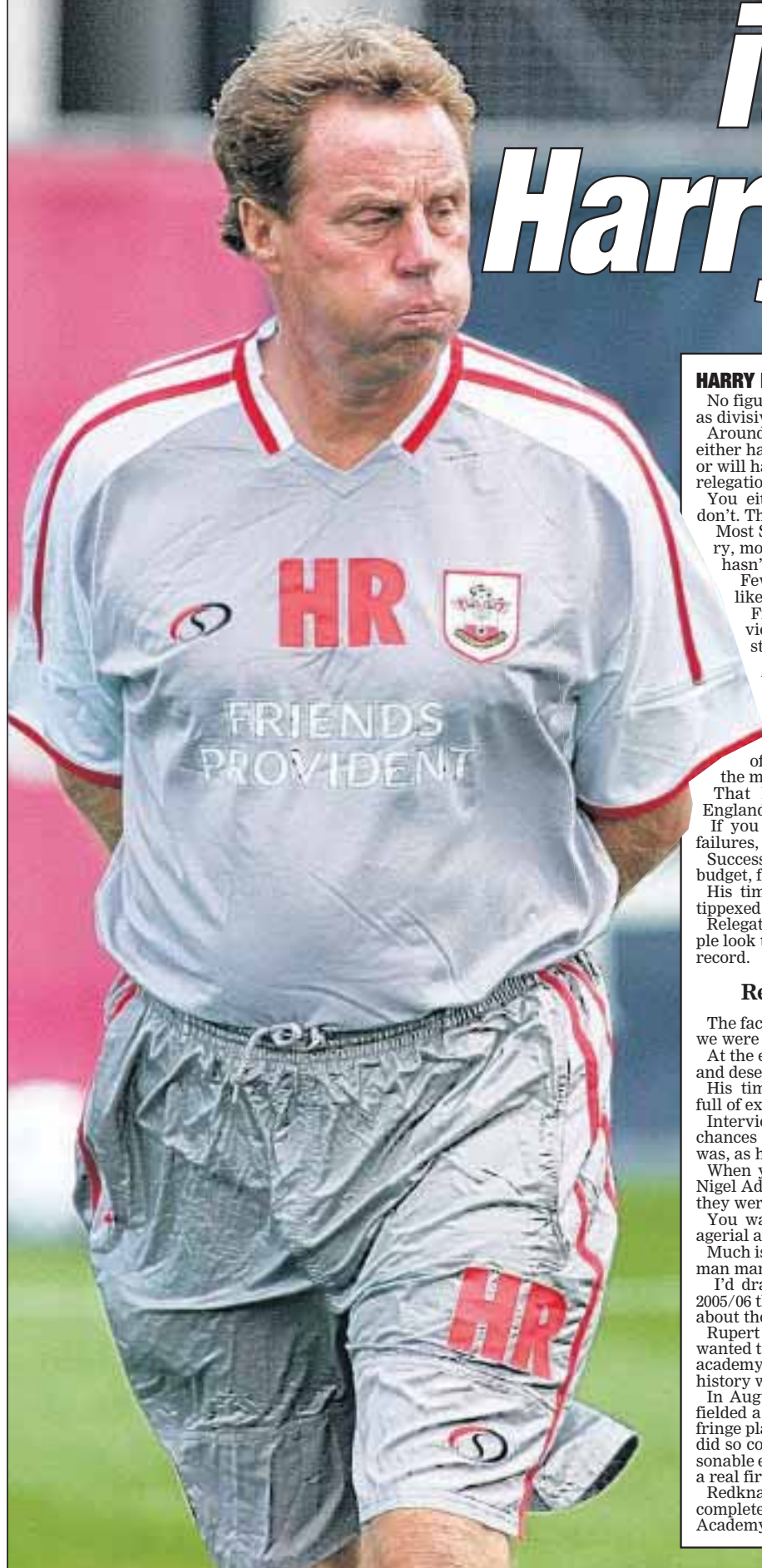
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No fence sitting when it comes to Harry Redknapp



HARRY Redknapp.

No figure in recent Southampton history is as divisive as he.

Around the time you read this, Saints could either have put to bed one of its rawest scars or will have edged dangerously nearer to the relegation zone.

You either love Harry Redknapp or you don't. There's very little middle ground.

Most Saints fans are in the former category, most fans of clubs Redknapp, pictured, hasn't managed are in the latter.

Few managers can split the vote quite like him.

From an entirely personal point of view, I despise him – and it's not a statement I make lightly.

Should Saints win this weekend then it will right a real wrong, heal a scar on this club that, like the 4-1 defeat to Portsmouth, still itches and irks to this day.

For me personally it's the myth of Harry Redknapp that annoys me the most.

That he was good enough to manage England irked me beyond belief.

If you look at Redknapp's successes and failures, they tend to fall into two categories.

Success at clubs where he has a big enough budget, failure at clubs where he doesn't.

His time at Saints has been mysteriously tipped out of football history.

Relegation with QPR might just make people look twice at the man and his managerial record.

Reasonable expectation

The facts are that when he started at Saints we were struggling, yes.

At the end of the season we finished bottom and deservedly so.

His time as Southampton's manager was full of excuses.

Interviews saw Redknapp talking down our chances of survival and how difficult his job was, as he protected the Redknapp brand.

When you compare his interviews to, say, Nigel Adkins', you get to see just how selfish they were.

You want to talk about Redknapp's managerial ability?

Much is made of his eye for a player and his man management skills.

I'd draw your attention to two games in 2005/06 that, to me, said all you need to know about the man.

Rupert Lowe had advised Redknapp that he wanted to see more of a progression from the academy to the first team, something that history will tell you was the right thing to do.

In August 2005, in the Carling Cup, Saints fielded a team half made up of Academy and fringe players. They won 3-0 at Southend and did so convincingly, giving Lowe a very reasonable expectation of allowing these players a real first team run.

Redknapp's reply was to field a team almost completely made up of second stringers and Academy players at Mansfield with Rory



Delap the only experienced pro.

They proceeded to lose 1-0 with Redknapp stating that that experiment was a failure and the way forward in the short term was with established pros.

Saints duly took a massive dip in form, before Redknapp left, looking after number one.

It was his jumping ship to the rabble down the road that defines Redknapp to most of us.

It is quite simply the most distasteful moment in south coast football.

To leave a club like Pompey, swear blind he wasn't joining Saints, then do so, relegate them and then go back up the M27 is utterly shameful.

Any non-Saints supporting football fan must surely look at that and feel a tad uncomfortable.

Yes, he's jolly old 'Arry, a colourful character.

But ask yourself why Tottenham got rid of him?

He'd turned the club around, saved them from relegation and turned them into European contenders. Why did they let him go?

Betrayed

People can quite rightly criticise Rupert Lowe for many things, but history will show him in a kinder light for not giving Redknapp a big budget and for telling him to play the likes of Nathan Dyer and Theo Walcott.

For me, Harry Redknapp is a man I just can't trust, a self-promoting, Fantasy football manager who can deliver "success" but only with a relevant budget.

The fact that he joined QPR came as no surprise to anyone.

Even now, nothing is his fault.

He was this week quoted as saying: "I've been thinking to myself, 'There is no better way to spend my birthday than spend 90 minutes getting abuse at Southampton Football Club. They'll be calling me 'scummer' because of my time at Portsmouth. That is a great way to spend my 66th birthday."

That, in itself, is a remarkably ignorant, self-serving statement.

Even now, he still thinks he'll be getting abuse because he was Portsmouth's manager. No, Harry, you'll be getting abuse because you betrayed every single Saints fan.

You betrayed us by taking over at St Mary's, taking us down with a 45% loss rate and then jumping ship to rejoin our most bitter rivals... and then keep them up.

That, Harry, is why we hate you.

It's a big word 'hate' but in your case utterly justified and not likely to ever change, which in itself is very sad indeed.

Here's hoping the balance is evened out and Saints help send you hurtling towards another relegation.

Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football

LABELLED a failure following his tenure at Chelsea, Andre Villas-Boas returned to the Premier League in the summer with a point to prove.

But it is the way in which the Tottenham manager has gone about it that has thrown up some real insight into just how good a manager he can become.

How is it that a man who failed with a more talented group of players has managed to succeed with less at his disposal?

In truth, Chelsea and Villas-Boas were never a good fit.

Dubbed the 'New Mourinho' by the media when he arrived, he came with the ego to match his predecessor and an unrelenting need to prove himself.

His confrontational approach to the media aside, however, it was his lack of tactfulness in the dressing room that ultimately cost him his position.

Tasked with the agenda of changing Chelsea's style and personnel, his clashes with high-profile players gave the impression of a manager who was out of his depth and who possessed poor man-management skills.

But fast forward 12 months and we see a very different story.

On Monday night, Villas-Boas took charge of Spurs for the 27th time – the same number of games he was given at Chelsea.

It was poetic justice at its finest, with his Tottenham team playing with all the verve and vigour that has been long-sought at Stamford Bridge, as they sealed a last-gasp 3-2 win against London rivals West Ham.

Different story

Gareth Bale's reaction to yet another match-winning strike was particularly telling.

The Welshman turned instantly and headed to his Portuguese leader.

In a moment of warm embrace, we saw a very different story to the one that had played out just down road, at Stamford Bridge.

The camaraderie shown during the result and celebrations was reminiscent of Mourinho and his Chelsea side in his younger years.

As Spurs continue their climb up the table, there have, predictably, been claims that they are a one-man team.

This is a rather short-sighted viewpoint, and detracts from just how well the side have been playing.

Bale may be their match-winner week in and week out, but his individual brilliance is doubtlessly linked to those around him.

Villas-Boas has installed a work ethic that has rarely been a trademark of Spurs teams gone by, and it is an attribute that reflects a united changing room.

He has shown the ability to learn from his mistakes, which is something that stands him in good stead for the years ahead.

While an unwavering approach to your beliefs can be commendable, if it flies in the face of common logic then it can hinder the progress of you and your team. You only have to look across north London to see what I mean.

At Tottenham, Villas-Boas has shown a flexibility that was rarely



RELAXED:
Andre Villas-Boas.

Smiles better at Tottenham

Spurs boss banishes Chelsea blues

seen in his short stint in south-west London, switching from 4-2-3-1 to 4-4-2, as he has settled on the best tactics for certain individuals and the team.

In short, he has realised he can be wrong, and has developed the wisdom to learn from his mistakes and to listen to those around him.

In December, he was named manager of the month – an award he won again this week for February – and dedicated the prize to his players and his staff. It is hardly a picture of the egotistical megalomaniac he has been made out to be.

It is difficult to say whether given time at Chelsea he would have succeeded.

While Spurs chairman Daniel Levy has come in for criticism at times, the atmosphere around White Hart Lane is a far cry from the gloom that currently hangs over Villas-Boas' former club.

GARETH BALE:
Tottenham's ace.



The poisonous atmosphere has filtered through to the fans, coaching staff, and players.

Interim manager Rafa Benitez, much-loved during his tenure at Liverpool, has come in for endless abuse from the Chelsea supporters.

It is hardly the environment required to cultivate a winning team, and, with Arsenal lurking in fifth position, it is an attitude that needs changing immediately.

The battle in the capital has never been more fierce, and should Chelsea lose out on Champions League football, questions will no doubt be asked about the wisdom of the club's Russian owner, Roman Abramovich.

Chased out of Stamford Bridge with pitchforks, Villas-Boas has now shown himself to be a good manager with the potential for greatness.

Given little hope of success at Spurs from fans and media alike, he has proved the doubters wrong. A win over Arsenal on Sunday would surely put the team on the path to deliver what Harry Redknapp couldn't last season – Champions League football.

Should that happen, there is no knowing where this Spurs team could go from there.

One thing is for certain, though. They are all in it together.

Black Cats into Africa



NELSON MANDELA

SUNDERLAND, who forged links with Africa two years ago via the Invest in Africa initiative, have taken a further step in that regard by aligning themselves with the Nelson Mandela Foundation.

The former South Africa president, who is now in his 94th year, has strived for a legacy of social justice.

By joining forces, the Black Cats believe they can help grow their fanbase in Africa, where nearly 1.2 billion people watch Premier League matches, and at the same time support football's quest to eradicate racism within the game.

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Blue Square Bet South: Eastleigh 1 Eastbourne Borough 0

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NEW signing Chris Zebroski fired Eastleigh back to winning ways in the Blue Square Bet South this afternoon.

The former Plymouth and Bristol Rovers frontman secured a battling 1-0 victory over a highly competitive Eastbourne Borough side in front of a 507 Silverlake Stadium crowd.

Already without injured duo Dan Spence and Craig McAllister, the Spitfires lost centre-back Dean Beckwith to illness late in the week.

Eastleigh forced three corners in the opening five minutes but, with Borough defending resolutely, they produced nothing to trouble visiting keeper Danny Potter.

Eastbourne were looking to catch the Spitfires on the break and, on seven minutes, it needed a good challenge by Michael Green to keep Darren Lok in check after Gary Hart had squeezed between the Eastleigh defence and flicked on a header.

How Eastleigh didn't fall behind in the 13th minute had to be seen to be believed.

Chris Todd uncharacteristically miscued his header and Lok did everything right to get past panicked keeper Ross Flitney, only to roll the ball wide of the gaping net.

Eastleigh responded with a terrific cross by Green which Potter managed to finger-tip away across goal, but the home side were almost undone by a well-worked 18th minute free kick from which ex-Brighton man Hart threatened with a header.

As Borough continued to call the shots, ex-Eastleigh man Frankie Raymond lofted the ball over from another free kick and then the impressive Hart fired a snap-shot narrowly wide.

Eastleigh didn't threaten until the 25th minute when Jai Reason threaded a pass through to Chris Zebroski whose angled shot whistled across goal and wide.

Five minutes later Reason found Zebroski again in a similar position on the left of the area and this time the newly-signed striker blazed his shot over.

Finally Eastleigh were starting to flow as an attacking force, but they spurned another great chance on 34 minutes.

Skipper Glen Southam spotted the run of Dale Binns down the left and the wide-man galloped on, leaving ex-Salisbury defender Ben Adelsbury in his wake, only to lift his shot on the run well over.

Todd then threatened with a

New boy Chris does the trick



MATCHWINNER: Chris Zebroski goes on the attack for Eastleigh against Eastbourne.

header from yet another Reason corner, but the sense of frustration was growing for Eastleigh who had missed chances galore in a win-less week against Hayes and Havant. Half-time:

Eastleigh 0

Eastbourne Borough 0

Two minutes into the second half the Spitfires defused the tension when they took the lead from a corner.

Reason delivered, Todd headed down and **ZEBROSKI** lashed the ball home.

Five minutes later Eastleigh's continued pressure forced another flag-kick which defender Alex Lacey headed wide.

But though the Spitfires were getting on top, Eastbourne – roared on by ex-Saint Tommy Widdrington from the away dug-out – had a determined look about them.

Lok wasn't far away with an acrobatic effort from Raymond's cross and the visitors then appealed in vain for a penalty when Mitchell Nelson and Hart collided in the Eastleigh area.

In between, Damian Scannell – back in the Spitfires side after a groin injury – went close with a well-struck effort from the right corner of the area.

On 71 minutes Nelson was booked for a hefty challenge on Simon Johnson just outside the area, leaving the Borough man requiring treatment.

Ben Adelsbury's thumping free kick was blocked by Reason who then collided with the taker and the pair required treatment for head injuries, causing a further delay.

Binns was the next to need treatment from busy Eastleigh physio Andy Cook and was eventually substituted by Adam Watkins with ten minutes plus stoppage time remaining.

Five extra minutes were eventually announced and, with Eastbourne refusing to give up the ghost, Flitney had to smother at the feet of Lok after he had exchanged passes with substitute Nathan Nyalfi.

Gosport go up to fourth

Gosport Boro 3 Leamington 0

GOSPORT Borough produced a sensational performance as they comfortably despatched table-topping Leamington at Privett Park to extend their unbeaten run to an incredible 21 games.

RORY WILLIAMS scored the pick of the goals as he unleashed a left-footed volley from outside the box, leaving visiting keeper Niall Cooper no chance.

It was the visitors, though, who included ex-Aston Villa striker Stefan Moore in their squad, that started brighter and they should have been in front on 25 minutes, only for a fantastic save by Nathan Ashmore diving to his left to prevent striker Richard

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Batchelor levelling.

The hosts increased their lead in the 34th minute as **DAN WOODEN** notched his seventh league goal of the season as he prodded home from eight yards after some fine work down the right from Sammy Igoe.

The result was secured with just ten minutes remaining as **JAMIE BROWN** was left unmarked at the far post as he latched on to Lee Molyneux's wayward shot to bundle home from six yards.

The win for Borough moved them up to fourth in the Evo-Stik Premier League table.

Late goal robs Stags

Kettering 1 AFC Totton 1

TOTTON were denied an elusive away victory when they were pegged back by a Kettering Town leveller with five minutes remaining.

Stags boss Steve Riley saw his early plans disrupted after three minutes when a heavy challenge on Jonathan Davies saw the Totton midfielder forced off to be replaced by Chris Mason.

But it was the visitors who created the first opportunity on ten minutes when James Coutts fired wide from 15 yards.

Then on 14 minutes a spectacular overhead kick by Poppies striker Lewis Wilson was well held by Ross Casey.

Totton responded immediately when Richard Gillespie crossed to the far post and Coutts header across the face of the goal was scooped over by Stefan Brown.

As the half reached the midway point the home side began to dominate possession and on the half-hour Casey had to rush out to clear from Lewis Hamilton.

But Totton soon regained their momentum and a series of Ryan Hill free-kicks saw home keeper Michael Quirke forced to punch clear. And shortly before the break a snap shot from eight yards by Brown was pushed behind by Quirk.

Totton received a let-off on 57 minutes when Hill was penalised for a trip on Wilson and Jamie Griffiths somehow managed to blast his spot kick ten yards over the bar.

On 76 minutes the Stags at last took advantage of their set-piece opportunities when after Baily Cargill was fouled on the left-hand edge of the area **HILL** blasted his free-kick into the far corner.

But with five minutes remaining the Totton defence allowed Nathan **HICKS** to run unchallenged into the area and the Poppies striker slammed his low drive beyond the reach of Casey.

Lions are given a mauling

MAGNATA HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE 2004

Lyndhurst 4

Andover Lions 0

IN a game played between the second and third placed teams, both started brightly but couldn't take their chances either end.

The Andover goalkeeper made

some blinding saves including one shot from Andy Longland that he pushed against the post.

Both teams turned round at half-time eager to get the three points in this six pointer match and eventually Dan Chatterel put Andy LONGLAND through for the opening goal, Andy Trodd then assisted LONG-

LAND with the second goal.

Luke POTHECARY put Lyndhurst 3-0 up before the Lions keeper saved a Lyndhurst penalty and an error in the Lion's defence allowed LONGLAND to complete his hat-trick.

For Lyndhurst Sean New was outstanding in defence.

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Austin's Poole return

CHARLIE Austin is returning to his Tatnam roots. The Burnley striker will be the star guest at a sporting dinner on Tuesday, March 19, to raise funds for his old club Poole Town FC and their chosen charity, Wessex Cancer Trust.

Austin, pictured, made national headlines earlier this season by becoming Europe's most prolific striker, scoring 20 goals in just 17 games – a better record than Messi and Ronaldo!

Tickets for the dinner are £25, including a two-course meal and a question and answer session with Austin.

Hot Radio's Jordan Clark will host the evening and there will be humour from local comedian Tony Rudd.

For tickets contact karen@wessexcancer.org or telephone 07545 145776.



Hurn Bridge final

CHRISTCHURCH FC's Hurn Bridge ground has been selected as the venue for the 2012/13 Sydenhams League Cup final.

The match, which pits last season's beaten finalists Brockenhurst against Premier Division leaders Alresford Town, will take place on Good Friday (March 29), kicking off at 3pm.

Town need a boss

SYDENHAMS One club Petersfield Town are looking for a reserve team manager. First-team boss Ian Saunders says the Love Lane outfit require "a highly motivated individual who will be prepared to work closely with the whole management team at our progressive club".

Petersfield have an excellent pool of under-18s who are finding their feet in senior football and any applicant should be prepared to work with and assist the development of these young players as they work towards their goal of playing first-team football.

All enquiries to Saunders on 07500 705486 or at big-sus1975@yahoo.co.uk.



CRUNCH: Alresford's Joe Wright sends Downton's Matt Palmer flying through the air in the game between the two sides last weekend.

Jenkins: Magpies can win the title

AFC PORTCHESTER'S director of football Mick Jenkins says he can see why Alresford Town are top of the Sydenhams Premier pile.

The Magpies barely got a mention in pre-season when the great and the good of the Wessex managerial scene were asked to tip their favourites for the title.

But Alresford have emerged as the surprise package of the season with 18 wins and two draws from 26 matches played.

They have just come through an unblemished February, winning six out of six league and cup games, all at Arlebury Park.

Porchester were their latest victims, outclassed 3-0 on Tuesday night. It was a sobering experience for the Wicor Rec club's new coach Graham Rix, who had been hoping for more of the same after celebrating his dugout debut with a 2-1 success at Christchurch on Saturday.

Goals by Warren Bentley, Joe Wright and Zach Glasspool swept the Magpies to victory and Jenkins admitted they were fully deserving of their win.

The former Havant & Waterlooville and Dorchester boss said: "I thought

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Alresford were decent. You can see why they're top of the league.

"The front two of Glasspool and Bentley are the best I've seen.

"We started okay with Simon Woods looking dangerous and Liam Horsted sending a free kick just over but, once Alresford got on top, our heads and legs went a bit.

"Alresford did to us what we did to Christchurch on Saturday, closing us down and pressing high up the pitch.

"They're a well organised side with good, well-drilled players and we were soundly beaten, no complaints."

Bentley, four-goal hero of Alresford's 4-2 win over Downton on Saturday, opened the scoring on 13 minutes, running onto Mike McEnery's long pass and turning his defender beautifully before smashing the ball past Jason Plomer in the Portchester goal.

But the Magpies survived a real scare on the half-hour when 'keeper Steve Phillips got a hand to Woods' low cross and the ball trickled invitingly across the six-yard box before

Lee Wood hacked it safety.

Alresford took control after the break and put the result beyond doubt with two goals in quick succession.

Left-back Wright got the first, converting the loose ball, via the cross-bar, after Bentley had burst into the box and been brought down before he could shoot.

Three minutes later it was all over when Glasspool jinked along the edge of the 18-yard box before firing past the unsighted Plomer into the bottom corner for his 25th goal of the season.

Alresford co-boss Danny Robinson said: "Credit to Portchester, they played in our half for most of the opening 20 minutes and showed plenty of endeavour. Simon Woods was very lively up front.

"But (co-manager) Tim Cole got it spot on tactically for us at half-time and we bossed the second half.

"We're just happy to keep a clean sheet."

As a massive Arsenal fan, 27-year-old Robinson was chuffed to see former England and Gunners winger Rix in the opposing dugout.

"I met him once as a schoolboy and we shook hands on Tuesday, but he didn't remember me from when I was little!" he smiled.

Thanks to Bridgman

AFC Portchester have expressed their thanks to departed first-team boss Glenn Bridgman, the man who led them to promotion to the Sydenhams Premier Division last term.

With ex-Arsenal and England winger Graham Rix joining the Wicor Rec club as head coach last week, it was announced that Bridgman would be leaving with immediate effect.

An official club statement said: "The club are grateful for the hard work Glenn has put in since joining us four years ago, taking us from the bottom of Wessex Division One to currently 12th in the Wessex Premier League.

"The decision wasn't taken lightly by the club and we thank Glenn for the work he has done and we wish him luck in the future.

"We would like to think he can give another club as much success as he has given to us."

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Job not lack of ambition prevented Wort's Eastleigh switch

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SHOLING'S in-demand marksman Lee Wort has revealed he turned down a move to Eastleigh because he couldn't fit in with their daytime training regime.

The 21-year-old striker has set the Southern One South & West alight in recent weeks, banging in 11 league goals since the turn of the year.

That alerted the attention of lofty neighbours Eastleigh who wanted a bright, young frontman to add to their thoroughbred Blue Square Bet South squad.

But Spitfires boss Richard Hill has stated that any future signings will have to be available for Eastleigh's twice-weekly daytime training sessions and, having spoken to his boss at work, there was no way Wort could oblige.

The 6ft 1in St Mary's-based hot-shot works on container ships at Southampton docks, a job he has held down for nearly three years.

He said: "I was pleased Eastleigh came in for me. Anyone would be happy with that."

HOTSHOT WORT LIFTS THE LID ON SPITFIRES SNUB

IN DEMAND: Sholing striker Lee Wort turned down a move to Eastleigh.



"I was pleased that Eastleigh came in for me. Anyone would be happy with that."

"I spoke to Richard Hill about the training schedule they do and about whether I could work it round my job and stuff."

"He said to have a think about it and I had a word with my boss at work, but it wouldn't have been possible to do the daytime training and I couldn't afford to lose my job."

"I do shift work and they've already been very lenient letting me get away for midweek games for Sholing."

One thing Wort is adamant about, however, is that turning down Eastleigh does not mean he lacks football ambition.

He has also caught the eye of a Brighton & Hove Albion scout in recent weeks and, when asked if he would like a future in the professional game, he insisted: "Of course I'd be interested. It's everyone's dream."

"If Eastleigh had been offering enough to tempt me, I probably would have gone."

"It would have been nice to train full-time, but I'm still young and I can't regret anything just yet."

Wort – a Manchester United fan, like his dad – was never on school-boy forms with a professional club having started football at the relatively late age of 13.

It didn't take long before he was netting goals galore for Tyro League outfit Sky Blues and, at 15, he played half a season for Sunday men's team Southside before joining Sholing.

More goals followed at youth and second string level, earning him the nickname 'GaGs', short for 'Goal-a-Game', and culminating in him scoring 58 for the Boatmen's reserves in the 2009/10 season.

The following year Wort announced his arrival on the Southern League stage with 17 league goals in his debut South & West campaign.

That rose to 25 last term, placing him second in the golden boot race behind Gosport Borough's prolific 34-goal marksman Justin Bennett.

This season Wort was quiet by his own standards prior to Christmas, but he has more than made up for that in 2013 and now has 25 goals to his name in league and cup.

Sholing's fortunes have risen as a result, turning a possible relegation battle into a potential late charge for the play-offs.

"I'll try and keep scoring and hopefully we can move up the table," said Wort.

"I got 33 goals in all competitions last year and anything close to that or over would be nice."

"When we were down near the bottom, it was a false position for us and we needed to get a run of games and a few wins under our belts."

"Hopefully, we can win a few more on the bounce and get ourselves up amongst it."

selves up amongst it."

Unfortunately for Sholing, this week hasn't worked out quite as planned.

Having fought out a second 2-2 draw of the season at home to promotion-pushing Merthyr Tydfil last Saturday, they travelled to Cinderford Town on Tuesday with high hopes.

But, despite leading 2-1 at half-time through Barry Mason and Lee Bright, they struggled to adapt when Cinderford had Matt Barnes red-carded and ended up losing 3-2 against ten men.

"We'd had a good first half and looked very compact, but the sending off affected us more than it did them," admitted manager Dave Diaper.

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Aaron is on the move
SOUTHAMPTON'S former Eastleigh defender Aaron Martin has joined npower League One outfit Coventry City on loan until the end of the season.

The 23-year-old centre half, who scored for Saints in their 2-1 FA Cup win at Coventry last season, will bid to help the Sky Blues with a late play-off push.

Martin had been on loan at Crystal Palace for the first half of the season, but was used only sparingly before returning to St Mary's last month.



A former Itchen College student, he rose through the Eastleigh youth ranks and was given his first-team break by former Spitfires boss and ex-Saint Ian Baird.

Great Scott on target
EX-SAINT Bobby Scott was among the scorers as Moneyfields pummelled Paulsgrove 5-0 to reach the final of the Portsmouth Senior Cup.

Strikes from Jack Lee, Scott, Warren Hunt and two-goal man-of-the-match Jake Slater booked Moneys a Fratton Park date with Portsmouth Saturday League side Baffins Milton, who beat Hordean 2-1 in the other semi-final tie.

No mercy at 'Church
WHITCHURCH United spared no feeling for struggling Amesbury Town as they powered up to fourth in Sydenhams One last Saturday with a thumping 9-0 victory at Longmeadow.

Amesbury's suffering began after just two minutes when Adam Everiss – who signed dual registered Blue Square Bet South forms for Hayes & Yeading last week – caught the visitors napping with a quickly-taken free kick.

With the Wiltshire side reduced to ten men when Dean Skelly was sent off just before the break, United went goal crazy as Sam Argent (3), Luke Walker (3), Ashley Childs and Paul Coventry joined in the demolition job.

The result came at a cost to Whitchurch, however, with centre-back Ali Brown set to be sidelined for several weeks with a calf injury.

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Magpies take flight

DORCHESTER Town boss Phil Simkin believes the Magpies can start to fly now after smashing Billericay for six on Tuesday night.

Town moved to within touching distance of the Blue Square Bet South play-off places as Charlie Clough netted twice in a 6-1 rout at the Avenue Stadium.

It was Dorchester's fifth win in six games and Simkin, pictured, had suspected that somewhere along the line one poor team would get a hammering.

"I'd been saying we were going to do that to a side one day," he said. "But Billericay are a decent side and I never thought in my wildest dreams we'd put six past them."

"I can't remember the last time we scored six, but it's going to make a few people sit up and take notice."

"Our season has completely transformed. It doesn't seem long ago we were losing 4-0 to Bromley, which was the turning point for us."

After Clough's brace had put Dorchester two up against the Essex visitors, Nick Crittenden, Sam Malsom, Ben Watson and Nathan Walker all found the net, while Charlie Taylor got Billericay's sole reply.

Downton stop the rot

DOWNTON held out second place in the Sydenhams Premier on Tuesday night. Nic Turpin netted twice and Jack Brooks once as the Robins put a disappointing sequence of results behind them with a 3-1 victory at Hayling United.

The midweek triumph made partial amends for last Saturday's 4-2 demise at top-of-the-table Alresford - Downton's fourth defeat in five league games.

Four-goal Warren Bentley did all the damage for the Magpies, leaving the Robins with just two Ben Smith headers for consolation.

Downton boss Jeff Softley said afterwards: "Alresford's third goal should never have been a penalty, but they were by far the best side we've played all season."

Salisbury boss prepares to get ugly

SALISBURY City boss Darrell Clarke reckons whichever side can consistently "win ugly" will claim the Blue Square Bet South title.

Clarke delivered his verdict after witnessing his side squander a two-goal lead at the hands of Havant & Waterlooville last Saturday.

Dan Fitchett's explosive strikes looked enough to seal Salisbury's first away triumph for more than ten weeks, but a retaliatory brace from Havant's Perry Ryan left City's management team of Clarke and Mikey

Harris feeling despondent again.

"We definitely dropped two points and I'm disappointed with the goals we conceded, especially as we were in a winning position," said Clarke, pictured. "I'm looking for a

little bit more nous in my squad to make sure we don't give away a two-goal lead.

"Away from home you have to be a little less pretty. You have to defend throughout and that's what we didn't do."

"We should have killed time a little bit more and played the ugly side of the game to win the points. The team that wins ugly will win the league, which is still for the taking."

With Welling coming a cropper 2-0 at Weston-super-Mare, Salisbury's point was enough to edge them back to the summit. Welling, though, have two games in hand.

Assessing the run-in, Clarke said: "All the games are tough and there's no harder match

than the next one. "But it's up to us to defend better."

"Our home form's been good and we need to start looking for more nous on the road."

Salisbury had had chances to score more at Havant with both ex-Saint Jamie White and Rob Sinclair denied by the woodwork in a Whites dominated first half.

But the Hawks' confidence grew once Ryan had started the fightback and, had it not been for a nasty injury to Scott Jones, they might even have fancied themselves to win it.

Jones was knocked unconscious in an accidental collision with City keeper Will Puddy and had to be stretchered off. It left Havant

to see out the game with ten men having already used all three substitutes.

It was Havant's turn to surrender a two-goal lead at Eastleigh on Tuesday.

After a goalless first half at the Silverlake Stadium, the Hawks pressed ahead through Sahr Kabba and a Christian Nanetti penalty.

But, despite an outstanding display of defiance by goal-keeper Clark Masters, they were pegged back by a Jai Reason spot kick and Mark Hughes's header.

"We had to defend well in the first half but, after going 2-0 up, you expect to win, so we're disappointed with a point," said Bradbury.

Hill: Eastleigh are at a crossroads...

RICHARD Hill has urged fans to stay patient while Blue Square Bet South promotion chasers Eastleigh continue their transition from part-time to full-time football.

The Spitfires are halfway there already with the bulk of their players reporting for training on Monday and Thursday mornings and Hill has stated that any future signings must be able to fit in with their daytime training regime.

That could mean Eastleigh missing out on a few quality signings who are unable to get time off work, but manager Hill says the recent arrival of pedigree central defenders Dean Beckwith and Chris Todd is proof of what the lure of daytime training can do.

"The Conference (Premier) is mainly a full-time league and we're fortunate to be in a position now where we can take lads from that level," he said.

"I had a good conversation with Darrell Clarke at Salisbury recently and we were agreed that if we were, say, a Welling or a Staines, we could probably get away with it (not training during the day)."

"But because of where we are geographically, we have to offer something different to get players to travel to us, as Salisbury have done."

"And it's a fact that full-time football is an attraction."

"We would never have signed Beckwith or Todd if we didn't train like we do now."

"We got Beckwith ahead of Conference Premier clubs Dartford and Ebbsfleet, who are both part-time, and Toddy was wanted by Newport County."

Of Eastleigh's current first-team squad, only three players are unable to fulfil the daytime training requirements - Dale Binns, Andy Forbes and, latterly, ex-AFC Bournemouth full-back Mitchell Nelson, who has got himself a

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job. Recent signing Dan Spence from Hayes & Yeading is training to be a teacher, but has sacrificed two days a week to train.

"Dan's put his career on hold and gone part-time for now - and, I might add, he's done that on a non-contract basis for us," said Hill.

"Michael Green and Jack Dovey have also adjusted their hours to be able to train with us."

"Forbes can't make it, so he comes and trains with our reserves on a Thursday night and Dale Binns trains with Hemel Hempstead."

"I appreciate lads have got jobs and I understand their work commitments and I've had a good conversation with Dale (Binns) about that."

"I've got a lot of time for Dale. His life is geared around being fit and he takes a lot of pride in his body and his job."

"He's also very understanding about my position as manager and what the club needs to do to succeed."

"We're in a bit of a crossover at the moment, but any future signings will be given the opportunity to join the club if they can fulfil our requirements."

If that means missing out on one or two players along the way, Hill is prepared to live with it.

"You can't have your cake and eat it in this scenario," he said.

"It's all very well saying we should sign this player and that player, but if he doesn't fit in with our daytime criteria, what do we do, have him not train?"

"I need the supporters to be patient with me on that side of things."



PLEA FOR PATIENCE: Eastleigh boss Richard Hill.

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Stags' threadbare squad shows the strain after fixture pile-up

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LAST Saturday's 3-2 defeat by Banbury United was AFC Totton's seventh Southern Premier game in 22 days – and it showed.

For nearly seven months the Stags' small squad have battled hard to stay in contention in the top half of the table.

But after three solid weeks of Saturday and Tuesday action, the cracks began to show against Banbury as Steve Riley's battle-weary troops surrendered a two-goal advantage before succumbing to only their second home league defeat of the campaign.

Riley knew when he joined the club from Bashley in the summer that the Stags' budget would be nowhere on the scale of last season's when his predecessor Stuart Ritchie led them to the play-off final in their debut Premier Division season.

Not once has he moaned about his lot, but even Riley had to admit this week that lack of depth is catching up with them as injuries, suspensions and weariness take their toll.

"We didn't have the normal spring in our step," he said.

"We had some tired legs out there against Banbury and I felt for the players.

"We've been asking them to do a lot and, unlike other clubs, we haven't been able to bring in fresh legs."

Having gorged on a feast of success in recent years, there will doubtless be some disappointed Stags fans if they wind up outside

"We've been asking the players to do a lot, but we can't bring in fresh legs."



MISSING: Mike Gosney is one of a number of injury worries for Totton.

the play-off zone. But as Riley knows well from his time at Bashley, the Southern Premier is a tough old league – particularly when the squad is not big enough to allow players the occasional rest.

"I can understand some of the fans getting annoyed about results and I'm disappointed too, but ask anyone who knows their football and they will tell you it's really hard work at this level to perform week in, week out," he said.

"You get to the stage where the

players are drained and they need a rest, but we can't do that and it showed against Banbury.

"Mike Gosney was out injured and we had no (skipper) Carl Pettefer because of family business and he was a big miss."

Totton were also without first-choice goalkeeper Gareth Barfoot, who was beginning a five-match ban for back-to-back red cards.

Conscious of his budget and the need to give a youth a chance, Riley put his faith in young goalkeeper

Ross Casey who didn't let the side down.

"It was difficult for Ross to come into a game like that with our home record being so good," said the boss.

"His handling was fine and he made a couple of good saves, but he was beaten by two good finishes which brought Banbury back to 2-2.

"This league is never easy, but I can't say enough good things about the lads and I'd like to thank them for the hard work they're putting in."

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Seb's treble puts Heath back in the title chase

PRE-SEASON title favourites Bemerton Heath Harlequins put back-to-back league defeats behind them to beat Hamworthy United 4-2 at Western Way last weekend. Ian Chalk's side, reeling from successive Sydenhams Premier losses at Alresford and Verwood, had a Seb Dawes hat-trick to thank for getting them back to winning ways.

Dawes – dual-signed from Shrewton United – opened the scoring with a solo effort before Ryan Murray levelled for the visitors from the penalty spot.

Dawes, pictured right, restored Harlequins' lead with a header from Graham Mankin's knockdown five minutes into the second half and completed his treble on the hour with a volley from Joe Sanger's cross.

Sam Lanahan's free-kick gave the Hammers hope until Bemerton's Dan Bowman struck the goal of the game, a 25-yarder into the top corner.

"We weren't brilliant, but it was much better than the last two performances," said Heath boss Ian Chalk.

Bemerton's 3-1 downfall at Verwood the previous Wednesday had been triggered by their two-goal former player Lee Burch, who had only just made the move to Potterne Park.

Verwood boss Adie Arnold proclaimed it: "Our best performance of the season by a mile. Bemerton are a good side and we had to be at our best."

The Potters, though, failed to follow one good result with another, beaten 1-0 by a 78th-minute Connor Phillips strike at Bournemouth Poppies last Saturday. And they lost 1-0 again on Wednesday when GE Hamble edged a tight match at Potterne Park.



CAMERON HOUGH

New blood aids Town's relegation fight

RELEGATION - battling Romsey Town have made two midfield additions to their Sydenhams Premier squad.

Mike Snelgrove, formerly with Bashley reserves, has already made an impression on the side.

And manager Danny Barker was today hoping to hand a debut to Cameron Hough from Blue Square Bet South outfit Salisbury City.

"It's good to bring a couple of bright, fresh faces in," said Barker.

"Mike made his debut against Alton last Saturday and put the ball through for Luke Harry, a lad promoted from our reserves, to score the opener in our 2-1 win.

"And I've also done a deal this week with Salisbury for young Cameron Hough. He's an attacking midfielder who's

part of their reserve team set-up and we've got him on 'loan' until the end of the season.

"He's young and another great addition for us."

Although Romsey still have much to do to retain their top-flight Wessex status, their fighting spirit never fails to impress the boss.

After Harry had scrubbed out Simba Mlambo's opener for Alton, skipper Richie

Hayter headed the Bypass boys to a priceless win.

"Just when we seem to be dead and buried, we pull something out of the bag," said Barker.

"I'm not saying we'll escape relegation, all we're doing is giving ourselves a chance.

"I'm fully aware that teams around us have got games in hand, but last Saturday's was a massive win for us

and full credit to our lads for coming through a real tough afternoon.

"It wasn't the greatest performance by us, but the biggest satisfaction is the spirit we've got."

With New Milton – today's (Saturday's) Bypass Ground visitors – beaten 3-1 at home by GE Hamble last week – Romsey's victory lifted them off the bottom of the table at the Linnets' expense.

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Sense of urgency for Town

BASINGSTOKE Town will have to make hay in March if they are to avoid an uncomfortable end to the Blue Square Bet South season.

The north Hampshire club have seven games coming up this month, starting at home to second-to-bottom Billericay Town today.

A sequence of good results could lift them to mid-table or beyond.

But if they are less than five points clear of the bottom three come 5pm on Easter Monday, they could be in serious trouble because their April schedule is about as tough as it gets.

Once their April 1 trip to Truro City is out of the way, they close the season with games against four sides

hell-bent on promotion.

Town travel to Dover on April 6 and Chelmsford on April 20 and have a home match against Boreham Wood on the Saturday in



between.

They finish the season at home to Salisbury City who, going into today's round of games, were sitting top of the league.

"March is going to be tough and April even tougher, so it's vital we pick up points wherever possible," said manager Jason Bristow, pictured.

"Our last four games are all against sides who are either battling for the title or the play-offs, so we have to make sure we are in a strong position come Easter Monday."

Town's cause will not be helped, however, by defensive absences.

Ross Adams has an ankle problem, while Jay Gasson hurt his knee in last weekend's 2-2 draw at Maidenhead and left-back Matt Warner is away on business for two weeks.

Alex can thank his lucky Gosport stars

By Ryan Day

GOSPORT Borough manager Alex Pike "didn't fear the sack" before his side turned the corner by going on a 20-game unbeaten run in the Evo-Stik Southern Premier Division.

"I was very lucky that I have a chairman that understands football and didn't press any panic buttons.

"Lots of chairmen would have looked after 11 games and seen six defeats and sacked their manager, but I didn't have to worry about that," he said.

Gosport moved into the play-off places after a crushing 6-1 win away at St Albans on Tuesday and Pike had identified their last two games against Hemel Hempstead and St Albans and the next three against Leamington, Cambridge City and Bedford Town as a "defining" moment of the season.

He said nothing had changed from the start of the campaign and it was all about "keeping faith" in the squad at his disposal.

"The nuts and bolts of it were we signed five players from Conference South level who had to adapt and our players from the previous season had to as well," he said.

"We only lost those six games by the odd goal and we were making individual errors, but we just had to keep the faith," he added.

Tuesday evening saw a return to the bench for top goal scorer Justin Bennett who has

away on his honeymoon.

Although Bennett didn't feature in today's (Saturday's) clash against table-topping Leamington due to a pre-planned wedding party, the manager said it was like having a new signing in the squad.

With the club receiving plaudits from various different managers in the Southern Premier Division, including St Albans joint boss Jimmy Gray, Pike concedes it's flattering to hear but he won't rest until the job is done.

"We are not counting our chickens. It is obvious that we are now an established Premier Division side but this is the business end of the season so the real job starts now," he said.

As the club approach their final 11 league games, Pike admits the play-offs were the aim at the beginning of the campaign and he would be disappointed to miss out now.

"Gosport Borough strives to play at the highest level possible and of course I want to be pitting my wits against the likes of Havant & Waterlooville and Eastleigh next season. But if it doesn't happen then we will just try again next season."



NO WORRIES: Alex Pike survived the sack.



BACK IN CONTENTION: Goal ace Justin Bennett.

Rory's success is no surprise to GE Hamble coaching team

DAVE Lewis says Rory Williams' success at Gosport Borough "comes as no surprise to anyone at GE Hamble".

Since leaving the Planemakers for Privett Park in late January, Williams has contributed six goals towards Borough's Southern Premier play-off push.

Even though he wasn't on the scoresheet in last Saturday's 1-1 draw at high-flying Hemel Hempstead Town, it was his purposeful charge down the right and parried shot that set up Dan Wooden for the opener.

And on Tuesday night he weighed in with Borough's fifth as they blitzed St Albans City 6-1 at Clarence Park to power up to fifth in the table – their 20th league game without defeat.

"It comes as no surprise to our lads, me or Danny Bowers before me that Rory's doing so well," said Hamble co-manager Lewis.

"I said to (Gosport boss) Alex Pike at the time they signed him that you don't know just how good Rory is until you're working with him in training.

"He's one of those players

who I thought would find it easier to affect a game at Gosport's level than he did in the Wessex League.

"There's more structure and shape at that level and Rory likes to exploit spaces.

"It's not a foregone conclusion that players can go up a couple of leagues and make a success of it, no matter how good they are.

"Leigh Mills was one of the best in our league playing for Winchester City last season, but it didn't work out for him at Eastleigh.

"But Rory keeps in touch with Danny (Bowers) and he

texts me from time to time and, from what we've heard, Gosport are over the moon with him."

Having caught the eye as a winger at Hamble, Williams was pressed into frontline action in the absence of Borough's honeymooning marksman Justin Bennett who, by common consent, is one of the most feared strikers on the Southern League scene. Pike quipped after the Hemel trip: "Justin's not played for six games and we've won four of them and drawn two, so now I'm asking 'Justin who?'."



RORY WILLIAMS

Non-league Football



Injured Howes is the inspiration for Poole

INJURY-STRICKEN Glenn Howes was the inspiration behind Poole Town's 1-0 victory over Mangotsfield United at Tatnam last Saturday.

The popular midfielder, who will miss at least the rest of the season with serious knee damage, rallied his team-mates with what manager Tom Killick described as an "emotional" pre-match address.

The Dolphins' talisman, who turned down a move back to Gosport Borough over the summer, played his own

unique part in keeping Poole's Southern One South & West promotion train on track with some selfless words before kick-off.

Killick said: "The lads were delighted to see Howes and his pre-match address really lifted the players."

"Everyone around the club had been saying 'win it for Howes', but he came in and said the lads should forget about winning it for him and focus on winning it for themselves because they deserve to play at a

higher level.

"It was quite emotional and the lads took that into the game."

Howes, formerly of Eastleigh, Newport IOW, Basingstoke and Salisbury, has ruptured medial ligaments and there is a strong chance he also sustained anterior or cruciate ligament problems as well as significant damage to the meniscus muscle. He has internal bleeding and swelling and will require an operation.

Poole ran the show in the first half against

Mangotsfield but only had a goal by ex-Winchester City and AFC Totton marksman Michael Charles to show for their efforts, although towering defender Michael Walker was twice denied by goalline clearances.

The second half was a more even affair, but Mangos' hopes of grabbing an unlikely point evaporated when Ryan Bath was dismissed for picking up two yellow cards in quick succession.

"The lads were more

fluent in their approach and created more chances than we had in midweek (against Evesham)," said Killick. "We played much better and were far more satisfied with the display."

"We would have liked to have killed the game off, but it was reasonably comfortable in the end."

Killick, meanwhile, has urged fans not to expect too much too soon from striker Dan Cann on his return from injury.

Cann is back in action following major surgery to repair knee ligament

damage and Killick said: "Dan looks quite fit, but we must not expect too much too soon because he has been out for such a long time."

Poole booked their place in the Dorset Senior Cup final on Tuesday, beating Gillingham Town 3-1 at Wimborne. Michael Walker, Will Spetch and Carl Preston gave them a 3-1 half-time lead and former Winchester and Salisbury midfielder Adam Kelly crowned victory with a 30-yard volley.

Non-league News

Poore is forced to retire

CARL Poore – the man who skipped Poole Town back to the Southern League – has reluctantly hung up his boots at the age of 29.

Experienced defender Poore, pictured below, has retired from playing after being plagued by ankle and knee problems in recent seasons. The former Cherries apprentice played for Dorchester and Wimborne before captaining Poole Town.

But, having led the Dolphins to Sydenhams Premier glory and promotion to the Southern League, he was unable to feature for them at Step 4 level.

Poore needed surgery on his right ankle after

being carried off in Poole's FA Vase semi-final defeat at Whitley Bay in April 2011.

Despite suffering from arthritis in the ankle, he resumed playing for his local club Cranborne before linking up with Sydenhams Premier outfit Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

"I got back to training with Bemerton at the start of the season and I was playing for them," Poore explained.

"But I went over on my knee and an MRI scan showed I needed an arthroscopy."

"I had that done in November and tried to get back to fitness with Cranborne, but it didn't happen. I was hoping to play on until my mid-30s if my body had been up together."

"But with the injury at Whitley Bay and then this one, the time off work was costing me money. In the long run, it was going to be worse."

Poore, who was recently linked with the Christchurch managerial vacancy, is keen to remain in the game in a coaching or management role and has started working towards his coaching badges.



Roberts opts to stay and fight for Milton

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

NO ONE likes the feeling of rejection, but Dave Lewis couldn't help but admire midfielder Adam Roberts for turning down a move to GE Hamble.

The Planemakers co-boss recently lodged seven days' notice of approach with New Milton Town for the pacy wide man.

But to his eternal credit, the former Eastleigh, Sholing and Winchester City player has opted to stay loyal to the Linnets and aid their fight for Sydenhams Premier Division survival.

Hamble came back from behind to beat New Milton 3-1 at Fawcett's Field last Saturday, but Roberts – better known as Taz – put in his usual livewire performance on an afternoon when, by Lewis's admission, the Linnets deserved more than they got.

He said: "Taz played well against us and he'd conducted himself really well when we spoke to him about coming to us."

"He explained that he'd moved once already this year (from Winchester to New Milton) and that he wanted to stay and give his all for the cause."

"That loyalty is something you like in your players and I said to their manager Darren Curtis in the bar afterwards that Taz is a real credit to New Milton."

"It would have been easy for him to jump ship with them being down



STAYING PUT: New Milton's Adam Roberts.

at the bottom, but fair play to him for staying.

"We also had a seven-dayer in for Danny Cox a couple of months ago and it was him who scored against

us last week. It's no surprise, given our interest in them, that they wanted to do well against us."

"If they wanted to join us at some time in the future our door's open

and hopefully we can enjoy that loyalty the other way."

Although last Saturday's loss dumped New Milton back to the foot of the table, Lewis admitted there was not much difference between the sides on the day.

"We played against the wind in the first half and we should have gone in 2-0 down at half-time," he said. "Danny Cox scored for them direct from a free kick and they headed one against the bar from about three or four yards out."

"I'm not saying we couldn't have come back from two down, but a second for them could have changed the complexion of the game."

Unfortunately for New Milton their regular goalkeeper Mike Hookway was away in Hong Kong and the experienced Mark Watson, who had been lined up to replace him, pulled out the day before.

With no other 'keeper available at late notice, outfielder Nick Hannides donned the gloves and it was as a result of him spilling the ball that Joe Bye pulled Hamble level.

One quickly became three for the Planemakers with Alex Sheath and Nick Watts putting paid to the Linnets with a quick burst of goals.

"Our lads smelt blood and went for the throat," said Lewis.

"But 3-1 wasn't really a fair reflection. Once we'd got the three goals it became a pretty even affair again."

Hamble came successfully through another tough battle on Wednesday, edging Verwood 1-0 at Potterne Park. Wide man Watts scored the winner to move the Planemakers up to fifth.

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Meet the Manager

BTC SOUTHAMPTON

Name: Paul Strange

Age: 37

Where are you from: Thornhill, Southampton

Occupation: Tyre fitter

Position in the club: Manager

Who do you support: Saints

Favourite player: Matt Le Tissier

Your best footballing moment

(playing or watching): When I

managed Sholing and

we beat Real

Sholing 2-1 in

the cup. In the

1990s we

used to all

drink at dif-

ferent sides

of the

Bullseye pub

Best goal you

have ever

seen: My one

from the halfway line

against Waggoners FC in the 1990s

Ambitions for the club: We want

to win the league



ABOUT THE TEAM

Nickname: BTC

Local pub: The clubhouse at the BTC ground

Team tightwad with the subs:

Simon Berry; never pays – keeps

saying next week

Ladies man: Dean Peacock

Best haircut: None of them

Worst haircut: Pete Dursan has-

n't got any hair, also Jason Collier

Club jester: They all mess about

Club's dodgiest driver: Pete

Dursan

Who owns the worst car and

what is it? Most of them have

decent motors but Simon Berry

has an Audi TT, a hairdresser's car!

SPORTING BTC

Name: Mark Wilson

Age: 41

Where are you from:

Southampton

Occupation: Dry-liner

Position in the club: Secretary,

player/manager

Who do you support: Saints

Favourite player: Present day –

Morgan Schneid-

erlin, past –

Kevin Keegan

Your best

footballing

moment

(playing or

watching):

Winning vari-

ous league

titles as a cap-

tain

Best goal you

have ever seen: Various Matt Le

Tissier goals – take your pick

Ambitions for the club: To

defend the A Division title



ABOUT THE TEAM

Nickname: Sporting

Local pub: Itchen College Bar

Team tightwad with the subs:

The whole team

Ladies man: Ken Maxwell

Best haircut: Paul Williams

Worst haircut: Nick Allen

Club jester: Andrew 'Tot'sy'

Turner

Club's dodgiest driver: Martin

Wyeth

THIRD TIME LUCKY AS SPOR

UNDER the shadow of the stricken Ford Factory in Swaythling lies the sports fields of BTC Southampton.

Unlike the factory, the BTC club has survived after being on the brink of collapse, and when Park Scratchings made the journey to the ground it was a sight to behold.

The car park at the club was packed to the brim; this clearly was a club that was on the up.

The game of choice was BTC Southampton Veterans against Sporting BTC Veterans, a rivalry that has a bit of needle to it according to BTC boss Paul Strange. It was not only bragging rights which were at stake, a place in the ERA Veterans Cup semi-final was up for grabs.

Last year BTC Southampton played under a different name, Sholing Vets, and lost 1-0 to Sporting but this season it's been the former who have had the last laugh as they thrashed their foes 5-1 in the league and came through on penalties in the SDVA Veterans Cup after a thrilling 3-3 game.

The reason that they are now playing under the banner of BTC Southampton is because of what a "fantastic" club it is according to Strange.

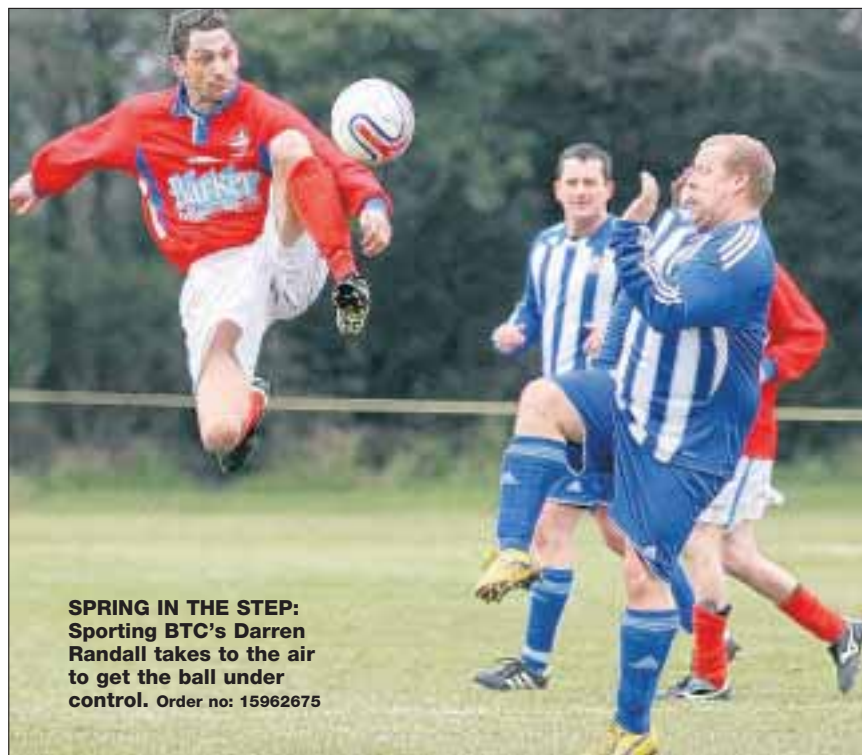
Sporting BTC meanwhile also have an interesting back story.

The team was created on the Hampshire rivers in 1995 from a group of friends from the BTC Rowing Club. Since then the club has sailed their way through the leagues and in 2003 they won the Drew Smith Premier Division and then won the 2004 Hampshire Premier League.

They are now plying their trade in the veterans section of the Drew Smith League.

The game itself – despite the cold – was an enjoyable spectacle from the first kick; both teams went for a considered approach, playing the ball out neatly from the back.

This didn't stop the game being an



SPRING IN THE STEP: Sporting BTC's Darren Randall takes to the air to get the ball under control. Order no: 15962675

exciting end-to-end affair. In the first ten minutes both sides took it in turns to carve out chances. First to threaten was Sporting who were denied when Darren Randall forced his way through but was thwarted by a smart stop by Barry Kimber.

While for Southampton BTC most of their good work was coming down the right-hand side with Simon Berry making constant overlapping runs from right back.

But the more dangerous of the two

sides was Sporting who were making good use of the space available with player manager Mark Wilson bossing the midfield.

Fifteen minutes in, Randall made a nuisance of himself down the left, turning inside Simon Berry who brought him down for a clear penalty. But Matt Haws' penalty was weakly struck and tipped round the post by Kimber.

From here on in Sporting BTC made constant forays forward, and a con-

stant stream of crosses had to be cleared out with last ditch clearances and stretched legs by a now overworked BTC Southampton defence.

Wilson came close with an accurate 30-yard lob that just flew wide the post but BTC Southampton against the run of play, took the lead when a Dean Peacock corner was headed into his own goal by Wilson.

The goal settled BTC Southampton who started to break well, while Sporting were busy arguing among



JOY AND PAIN: BTC players look on



SPORTING BTC VETERANS: Back row (from left): Martin Cornwall, Dean Byrne, Paul Williams, Darren Randall, Martin Wyeth, Dean Pengelly and Brian Edwards. Front: Scott Winman, Andrew Turner, Nick Allen, Matt Haws, Mark Wilson and Kenny Haynes.

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WIN BRAGGING RIGHTS



BTC Southampton players celebrate their opening goal while Sporting

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**CHALLENGE:** BTC Southampton's Kevin Neary, right, battles for the ball with Sporting BTC's Paul Williams.

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cut themselves for the last ten minutes of the first half.

The lead was almost doubled when a brilliant run by Simon Berry saw him take the ball from right back to the edge of the box where he unleashed a dipping shot which just missed the top corner.

The second half started with a bang and Wilson made up for his own goal when he ran onto an Andrew Turner chip to rifle home an equaliser for Sporting BTC.

The momentum was now with Sporting and Nick Allen nearly put them ahead but his shot shaved the post.

Then came the moment that left BTC Southampton gobsmacked. Two players went up for a header in the box and a penalty was given for handball – despite there being no obvious offence. Darren Randall duly smashed the spot kick into the top corner to make the Sporting BTC comeback complete.

For the last 20 minutes neither team created many chances with Southampton BTC struggling to break down a strong Sporting defence, much to the frustration of the fans on the sidelines.

When the whistle went, both teams looked exhausted. BTC Southampton walked off ruing the penalty decision, although Sporting BTC didn't mind as it was third time lucky this season and a semi-final place in the bag.

MATCH HIGHLIGHT: The first 20 minutes was great to watch. Both teams showed they could really play and the passing was impressive. If I had to choose one highlight it would be Sporting BTC manager Mark Wilson getting an equaliser to make up for his own goal.

MATCH LOWLIGHT: We all want to see passion when playing football, from the players and the managers. However, sometimes more should be done to curb the language and abuse hurled from the sidelines. BTC Southampton boss Paul Strange was frustrated by some of his side's decisions and some of the referee's, but using an expletive every other sentence isn't the best way to get the point across.

REFeree RATING: Last time I saw Simon Johnson he kept a very tough game between Bush Hill and Questmap under control after tempers frayed. This time around he had a tougher time and got a few decisions wrong. The second half penalty for what appeared to be an accidental handball was harsh to say the least and changed the game. But as he put it after the game: "You didn't have the same view of it as I did, it was a clear penalty". Last time he got a 9/10 this time however it's ... **6/10**

MATCH RATING: It was cold, very cold. My fingers went numb ten minutes in and I couldn't feel my toes after half an hour. Fortunately the football on display was high quality, both teams playing the ball out from the back ... **8/10**

Team Ratings

SPORTING BTC

SCOTT WINMAN: Safest hands in the league – according to him. Really vocal. Didn't have a great deal to do, but his distribution was solid **7**

DEAN PENGELEY: His teammates think he's been working out or he has a new job modelling for Matalan. Solid at the back ... **7**

KENNY HAYNES: Mr Bling has a sweet left foot when he's not in South Africa on vacation. A force at the back and made some crucial interceptions **8**

PAUL WILLIAMS: Ten years on from his last Park Scratchings and still going strong. Renowned for flying into a tackle when it's muddy; teammates joke he has recently been signed for the new Persil advert ... **8**

MARTIN WYETH: Club Stalwart always keeps his cool on the pitch; never loses his temper **9**

DARREN RANDALL: Pacy player who struggles to take anybody on, unless it's a fruit machine. He is also another new addition. Caused lots of problems **8**

DEAN BYRNE: Another new addition this season. Struggles in the air – could be a long wait for his first headed goal. Solid throughout **7**

ANDREW TURNER: Lacks energy on the ground but is awesome in the air. Does a mean Madonna impersonation on the dance floor. He has found his goal scoring attributes this season **9**

MARK WILSON: Loud, uncompromising and showed plenty of character to start his team's comeback after scoring in his own net **9**

MATTY HAWS: Lightning pace down the flanks. Skinniest player in the team **7**

NICK ALLEN: Another new signing. Always at the gym and has huge legs, making it tough for people to knock him off the ball **7**

BEN GOODRIDGE: Last season's league and club golden boot winner but hasn't quite found his shooting boots this season. Has suffered a couple of injuries and was benched for this match. Came on and made an impact in the second half **8**

MARTIN CORNWALL: A new addition to the team this season. Likes going bowling and sadly picks it above football sometimes **7**

JASON GOSNEY: Turned up as a sub for a desperate situation, didn't even have a kit on – although it was brass monkeys cold **6**

BTC SOUTHAMPTON

BARRY KIMBER: Solid goalkeeper, has kept plenty of clean sheets this season ... **8**

SIMON BERRY: Right back who loves to get forward like Brazilian Cafu did in his hey-day **9**

GARY DOWD: Solid at the back and a good passer. A fitness freak, loves his runs **7**

KEVIN NEARY: He loves a strong challenge. Known through the vets leagues for his tough reputation **8**

PETE DURSAN: Captain fantastic at 43 years old, he is one of the strongest centre backs in the league according to manager Paul Strange **8**

SEAN BROWN: Very strong player with good feet **7**

JEZ FRENCH: He likes a good laugh, a bit of a jester; scores some important goals ... **7**

MARTIN CHAMBERLAYNE: Lost a bit of form this year after a very bright start, but hopes to be finding the net soon **7**

JASON COLLIER: Loves a long pass into space, doesn't always reach its target. Known as Mr Ping for his long balls **7**

DEAN PEACOCK: Thinks he's the Lionel Messi of the side (not!) **8**

RICHARD GRAY: He's been excellent this year according to the manager. Used to play at a high level. A big part of the team ... **8**

DEAN PATTERSON: A very good right-footed player, shame he has had a few injuries **7**

PAUL JERRIM: Left back, loves to get stuck into a challenge **7**

NIGEL COATES: Plays centre midfield and upfront; good utility player **7**



BTC SOUTHAMPTON VETERANS: Back row (from left): Paul Strange, Jason Collier, Martin Chamberlayne, Peter Durston, Gary Dowd, Richard Gray, Nigel Coak and Mark Wilkins. Front: Barry Kimber, Paul Jerrim, Dean Peacock, Kev Neary, Simon Berry, Sean Brown, Jez French and Dean Patterson.

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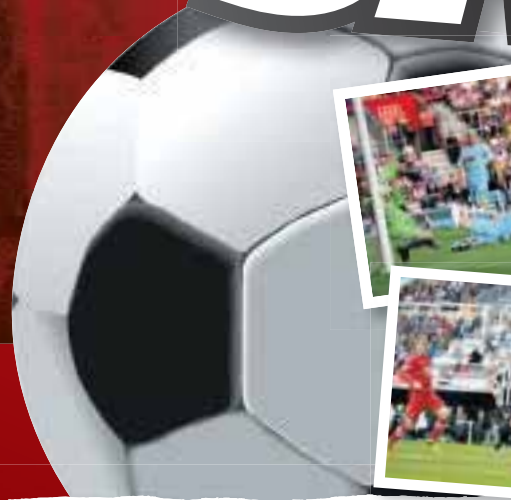
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Rickie Lambert's 100 goals for Saints



1

August 11, 2009
Saints 2 Northampton 0
(Carling Cup)
 It took just 29 minutes of his Saints career for Lambert to begin paying

back the £1m spent on him by the club. The striker burst into the box to bundle in a Lloyd James cross and set Alan Pardew's men on the way to a comfortable first-round victory.



4

5

September 19, 2009
Saints 2 Yeovil 0

A pair of penalties took Lambert's tally for Saints up to five. First, he fired low to the keeper's right after a foul on Marek Saganowski. Then, early in the second half, he powered the ball into the opposite corner following a handball. That helped Saints claim their first league win of the season under Alan Pardew.



2

August 15, 2009
Huddersfield 3 Saints 1
 Lambert made it two goals from two Saints games with an equalising header early in the

second half at the Galpharm Stadium that bounced off the crossbar and over the line. It proved to only be a consolation, however, as Huddersfield scored twice more.



3

August 29, 2009
Stockport 1 Saints 1
 Penalty number one of Lambert's Saints career was successfully converted against one of his former clubs, as he blasted home into the bottom-left corner from 12 yards late in the first-half, before a late spot kick denied the club victory.



September 29, 2009
Saints 2 Bristol Rovers 3
 Lambert, rather predictably, scored against his old club. His thundering header from a Lloyd James delivery was judged to have crossed the line, within a minute of the second half beginning. The goal put Saints 2-1 up, before Rovers came back to win.

6

Rickie Lambert's 100 goals for Saints



7

October 3, 2009
Saints 4
Gillingham 1
A sublime early goal from Lambert, who hit a thumping volley, right, into the bottom corner from Dean Hammond's right-wing delivery. The strike set Saints on their way to a win that erased the ten-point deficit they began the season with.



RICKIE LAMBERT'S CAREER LEAGUE RECORD

	Apps	LG
1999-2000		
Blackpool	0 (3)	0
2000-2001		
Macclesfield	4 (5)	0
2001-2002		
Macclesfield	37 (3)	8
2002-2003		
Stockport	25 (7)	2
2003-2004		
Stockport	44 (1)	12
2004-2005		
Stockport	29 (4)	4
Rochdale (League 2)	15	6
2005-2006		
Rochdale (League 2)	48 (2)	22
2006-2007		
Rochdale (League 2)	3	0
Bristol Rov (League 2)	40 (9)	9
2007-2008		
Bristol Rov (League 1)	52 (5)	13
2008-2009		
Bristol Rov (League 1)	46 (2)	29
2009-2010		
Bristol Rov (League 1)	1	1
Saints (League 1)	44 (1)	30
2010-2011		
Saints (League 1)	50 (2)	20
2011-2012		
Saints (Champ)	44 (4)	27
2012-2013		
Saints (Prem Lge)	24 (3)	12



8



October 17, 2009
Oldham 1 Saints 3
Lambert netted his first Saints free-kick, although this was hardly the best of the

bunch. His low curling effort around the Oldham wall squirmed under the keeper Dean Brill, above, and over the line. But, hey, they all count.



October 31, 2009
Leyton Orient 2 Saints 2
Lambert scored twice late-on to rescue a point. First, he side-footed home from eight yards,

after being picked out by Adam Lallana's beautiful first-time pass. Then, he lashed a half-volley into the top corner from just inside the area.

9

October 24, 2009
Saints 3 MK Dons 1
Lambert scored the decisive goal, breaking a 1-1 tie late in the game, as he finished off a training ground routine. Adam Lallana dummed a free-kick near the by-line, and Lloyd James cut the ball back into the path of Lambert to sweep home. Lambert is pictured celebrating his ninth goal for Saints.

10

11

TREBLE: Rickie Lambert celebrates his third goal at Watford in March 2012.

THERE are only three players above Rickie Lambert in the list of Saints players who have scored most post-war league hat-tricks for the club. Lambert has five triples – one in League 1 and the other four all coming in the Championship last season.

George O'Brien	.....	8
Derek Reeves	.....	7
Matt Le Tissier	.....	7
Rickie Lambert	.....	5
Ron Davies	.....	5
Mick Channon	.....	4
Steven Moran	.....	4
Martin Chivers	.....	4
Phil Boyer	.....	3
Terry Paine	.....	3
Eric Day	.....	3

Rickie Lambert's 100 goals for Saints



17 18

**December 12, 2009
Saints 3 Tranmere 0**

Lambert netted a spectacular free-kick here, rifling in a 30-yard thunderbolt, above, to complete the rout, after his earlier penalty, below, had built on the lead given to Saints by Dan Harding.



20

**January 2, 2010
Saints 1 Luton 0 (FA Cup)**

A gem of a free-kick from the striker, as he whipped a beautiful first-half free-kick over the wall and into the top corner from 25 yards, to break their non-league opponents' resistance.



12

**November 11, 2009 – Saints 2 Charlton 1
(Johnstone's Paint Trophy)**
Lambert finished off a lovely move to put Saints into an unassailable 2-0 lead, as they

edged a step closer to Wembley. After Papa Waigo fed the ball into Lallana, he rolled it back to Lambert, who took a touch and then drove the ball into the bottom corner from 18 yards.



SPOT ON: Lambert scores at home to Brighton.

16

**December 5, 2009
Walsall 1 Saints 3**

Lambert rounded off a comfortable away win for Saints, burying a chance into the bottom corner from David Connolly's precision pass midway through the second half.



13

**November 15, 2009
Saints 1 Brighton 3**

A late first-half penalty gave Lambert the chance to make it 2-1.

As always, he made no mistake from the spot, striking the ball low into the bottom corner, halving Brighton's lead in the process. In the end, however, the goal was for naught.



Rickie Lambert's 100 goals for Saints

24

February 13, 2010
Saints 1 Pompey 4
(FA Cup)

One of Lambert's most memorable Saints goals, even if it proved to be in vain. Trailing their bitter rivals 1-0, Dan Harding whipped in a free-kick for Saints and Lambert rose highest, far right, to head home and send St Mary's wild, before Pompey ran riot in the last 15 minutes.



22

January 30, 2010
Saints 2 Stockport 0

There was a touch of good fortune about Lambert's 20th league goal of the season. From a Joseph Mills corner, the ball was punched against ex-Stockport man Lambert by the keeper, with it looping off the striker and into the net, as Saints broke the deadlock.



23



February 9, 2010
Saints 3 MK Dons 1
(Johnstone's Paint Trophy)
Saints booked a place at Wembley, as Lambert scored the opening goal in this Southern Area semi-final second leg. He struck early to ease any nerves, firing a low right-foot shot into the far corner to get the party started, and is pictured being congratulated by Dean Hammond.

15



December 1, 2009
Saints 1 Wycombe 0

Not a pretty game, but a moment of quality from Lambert swung it Saints' way. He clinically drilled the ball into the bottom corner just before half-time, after receiving a square pass from Papa Waigo, who had escaped the attention of the Wycombe backline.

14



November 24, 2009
Hartlepool 1 Saints 3

After setting up Adam Lallana's equaliser, Lambert made certain that the Saints fans who had made the long trip on a Tuesday night went home happy, closing down a clearance from the Hartlepool keeper before slotting the ball into the net for the team's third goal.

December 28, 2009
Colchester 2 Saints 1

A lot of people didn't see this one, and that includes those in the ground. Dense fog at Colchester made visibility difficult as Lambert stepped up to take a penalty in added time, but the striker still duly converted the consolation effort.



19

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January 16, 2010 - Millwall 1 Saints 1
When Lambert netted a stoppage time free-kick, with the aid of a large deflection, it looked as if Saints had the game won. But Millwall took the shine off his effort, by going straight up the other end and equalising.

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**February 27, 2010
Saints 5 Walsall 1**

After setting up Saints' first two goals, Lambert scored the team's

fourth, brilliantly controlling Dean Hammond's chipped ball towards him at the back post, then powering it into the net.



26

March 2, 2010 - Saints 5 Huddersfield 0

Lambert kick-started an incredible destruction of the Terriers, heading Jason Puncheon's early cross in off the underside of the bar. From that moment on, Saints ran riot, although Lambert had to settle for just one goal.



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March 20, 2010 - MK Dons 0 Saints 3

The striker scored his first ever Saints hat-trick, as he broke through the 30-goal barrier for the season, including his opening-day effort for his former club Bristol Rovers. After heading into an empty net, bottom right, Lambert added a penalty, left, and then a wonder goal, scoring with a 40-yard half-volley, below, that flew over the keeper's head.

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March 28, 2010 – Carlisle 1 Saints 4 (Johnstone's Paint Trophy)
Carlisle keeper Adam Collin actually got fingertips to a Lambert penalty – a feat in itself – but could do nothing to keep the powerful strike, hit high to his left, out. Lambert's Wembley spot-kick, after a blatant hand-ball, put Saints 1-0 up and sent them on their way to a comfortable win and a rare piece of silverware.



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March 23, 2010 – Saints 3 Hartlepool 2
Lambert took his Saints tally to 30 and helped send them into the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final on the back of a win. His well-struck half-volley shortly before half-time made it 2-1.



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April 13, 2010
Bristol Rovers 1 Saints 5

Lambert scored twice against his former club to put Saints into a 2-1 lead and on their way to a landslide victory after they had fallen behind early on. First, he headed in Jason Puncheon's corner, above, before firing in a 30-yard free-kick, right, in added time at the end of the first half.

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34

April 24, 2010 – Saints 3 Carlisle 2

With the aid of the near post, Lambert finished off Michail Antonio's cross early in the second half to put Saints 2-1 ahead, before returning the favour by setting up the winger for the third goal shortly afterwards.



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May 8, 2010 – Saints 3 Southend 1

Saints fell behind, but Lambert equalised with his 30th league goal of the season, heading in Jason Puncheon's delivery, left. The striker was then tripped in the area late in the game, and made no mistake from the resulting penalty kick, scoring his 36th and final Saints goal of an amazing campaign. Before the match Lambert had been presented with the Daily Echo's Saints player of the season award, right.



Rickie Lambert's 100 goals for Saints



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August 28, 2010
Bristol Rovers 0 Saints 4

A game remembered mostly for being Alan

Pardew's last as Saints manager. Lambert got the third against his former club, netting from the penalty spot, after Lee Barnard had been fouled.



37

August 21, 2010
Saints 1 Leyton Orient 1

Another season, another goal, another free-kick. Lambert put Saints in front with a deflected set-piece from 25 yards, only for Orient to quickly equalise and hold on for a point.





39

October 2, 2010
Saints 2 Cherries 0

After a run of seven matches without a goal, Lambert was back on the scoresheet, converting a pair of spot kicks to lead Saints to a win against their south coast rivals.

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SPOT ON: Lambert, above, celebrates his first spot-kick and, above right, fans cheer his second.

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41

October 9, 2010
Saints 2 Tranmere 0

It seems inconceivable it would take so long, but this was the first goal of the season from open play for Lambert. He headed in Danny Butterfield's first-half cross to open the scoring.



42

October 30, 2010 – Notts Co 1 Saints 3

Saints were dominated for more than an hour,

but levelled through a Lambert penalty after Lee Barnard had been fouled. Lambert then set up Barnard for the decisive second.



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January 11, 2011
Oldham 0 Saints 6

Saints bagged half-a-dozen goals at Boundary Park, but there was only one for Lambert. He fired into an empty net for the fifth of the night, after Oscar Gobern's saved shot had rebounded to him.



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February 1, 2011 – Exeter 1 Saints 2

Lambert finally reached double figures for the season, as he equalised with 20 min-

utes left, heading in Dany N'Guessan's cross (goal 47, pictured above). The striker then won the game in the 90th minute, heading home from a few yards out.



Rickie Lambert's 100 goals for Saints



43

December 28, 2010 – Saints 4 Huddersfield 1

Another seven-game drought was ended as Lambert restored parity for Saints with a half-volley, above, with Saints eventually storming to victory.



44

January 3, 2011

Dagenham & Redbridge 1 Saints 3

Lambert rounded off the scoring in this

contest, powering past the home defence before lifting the ball over the advancing keeper in the 89th minute.



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February 12, 2011
Saints 1 Carlisle 0

A pretty dull affair was decided shortly before half-time by Lambert, who glanced home an Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain delivery moments after Carlisle had been reduced to ten men.



48

February 5, 2011
Peterborough 4 Saints 4

Lambert continued his perfect penalty record with another two successful spot kicks. He made it 2-0 after Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain had been tripped in the area, and then 3-2 after Richard Chaplow was judged to have been fouled.

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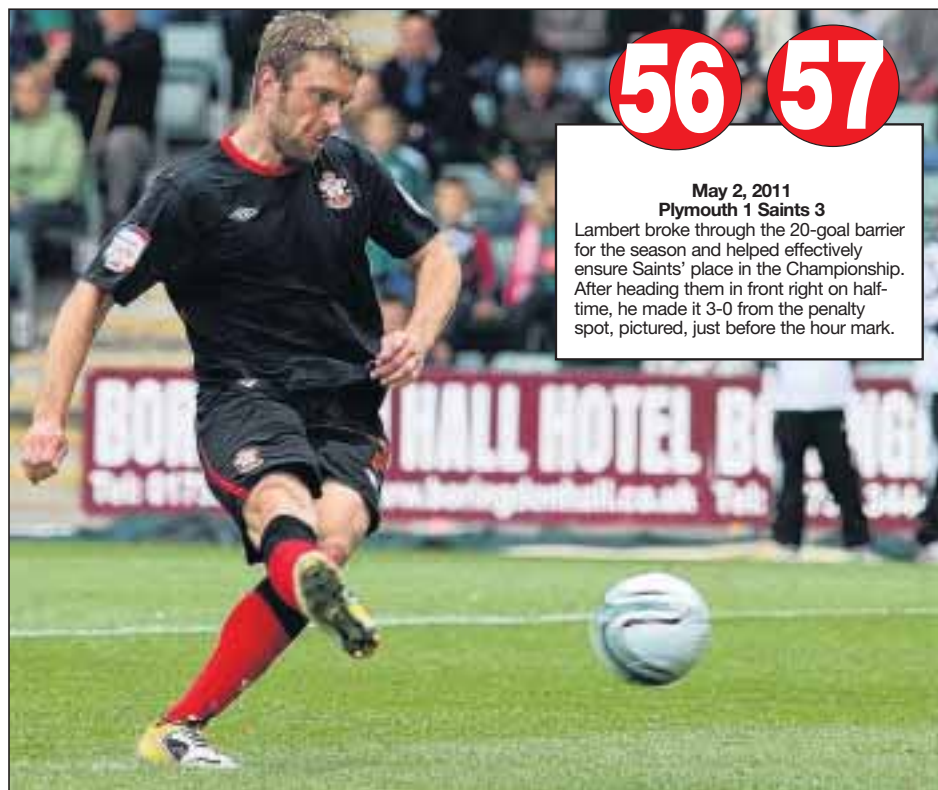


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February 26, 2011
Saints 4 Swindon 1

With the game poised at 1-1, Lambert nodded Saints ahead on the hour mark, as the Swindon keeper made a hash of coming for Dan Harding's free-kick, leaving the striker with an empty net.

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May 2, 2011
Plymouth 1 Saints 3

Lambert broke through the 20-goal barrier for the season and helped effectively ensure Saints' place in the Championship. After heading them in front right on half-time, he made it 3-0 from the penalty spot, pictured, just before the hour mark.

April 9, 2011

Leyton Orient 0 Saints 2

Ryan Dickson dug out a cross from the left and Lambert converted a free header from six yards to put Saints into a first-half lead. The forward, pictured above, wheeling away after his goal, then set up strike partner Lee Barnard for the second in the dying stages.



March 12, 2011 - Cherries 1 Saints 3

Lambert rounded off a vital victory for Saints, curling a 20-yard free-kick, above, into the top corner with two minutes remaining to significantly dent the Cherries' promotion hopes and improve his own side's chances of a top-two finish.

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PROMOTION WINNER: Lambert, above, wheels away after putting Saints ahead and, right, celebrates his penalty.



March 19, 2011

Saints 2 Sheffield Wednesday 0

After Jose Fonte's second-half opener, Lambert wrapped up this victory with a resounding finish from inside the area, after Lee Barnard's blocked shot had spun into his path.

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April 25, 2011

Saints 2 Hartlepool 0

Saints moved to the brink of promotion from League One thanks to this one that began with a Lambert penalty shortly after half-time. He then provided the assist for Jose Fonte's late second.



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**August 9, 2011
Saints 4 Torquay 1
(Carling Cup)**
After both sides traded early goals, Lambert put Saints in front for good with a superb 25-yard free-kick that cleared the wall and beat the Torquay keeper.

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**August 16, 2011
Ipswich 2 Saints 5**
Lambert scored his first ever Championship goals to power Saints into an early 2-0 lead. A tremendous one-two with Adam Lallana set him free for the first, his 60th Saints goal, before Lallana set him free again minutes later to finish sublimely into the far corner. His joy is obvious.



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**September 10, 2011
Saints 3 Nottingham Forest 2**

Lambert bagged a second hat-trick of his



Saints career in a thrilling St Mary's encounter. After stabbing home an early equaliser, above left, he headed Saints 2-1 in front (and is pictured celebrating with Adam Lallana above).

After Forest levelled before half-time, Lambert settled the contest after the break, heading in a late Danny Fox free-kick, main picture.

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August 30, 2011
Swindon 1 Saints 3
(Carling Cup)

Saints advanced past the Robins reasonably comfortably, although it wasn't until deep into added time when Lambert broke the off-side trap, rounded the keeper, and finished for 3-1 that they could feel completely at ease.



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September 18, 2011
Saints 4 Birmingham 1

This was about as close as Lambert has ever come to missing a penalty. After being bundled over in the box, he struck an early penalty that hit the post and went in, as he set Saints on the way to a big win.



DAILY Echo reporter Adam Leitch picks his top 10 Rickie Lambert goals ...

August 11, 2009, v Northampton (a)

Lambert's debut heralded the start of things to come as he scored his first goal after 29 minutes.

March 20, 2010, v MK Dons (a)

Lambert's first hat-trick for Saints – there have been four more since – came at stadium:MK and contained arguably his finest goal for the club.

Dons could have been forgiven for thinking there wasn't too much danger as the ball dropped to Lambert 35 yards from goal. But the striker launched a swerving, dipping volley that beat keeper Willy Gueret all ends up.

March 28, 2010, v Carlisle (JPT final)

It would be remiss not to include a Lambert penalty amongst this list as he has scored 31 out of 31 for Saints. When Saints won the spot kick after just 15 minutes of the JPT final, Lambert duly dispatched it and the tone was set for a great day and a piece of silverware.

December 28, 2010, v Huddersfield (h)

Saints were trailing when Lambert struck a wonderful half volley that set Nigel Adkins' men on the way to a crucial 4-1 win against the side that was to push them close for automatic promotion.

March 12, 2011, v Bournemouth (a)

Lambert's three seasons in the Football League with Saints contained a fair few free kicks, but the pick of the bunch arguably came at Bournemouth.

Lambert whipped it right footed around the wall and into the top corner.

August 16, 2011, v Ipswich (a)

For all his goalscoring heroics for Bristol Rovers and Saints in the third tier, Lambert had never played as high as the second one.

An early Championship goal was just what the doctor ordered and in his third game at that level Lambert gave Saints the lead, one of two goals that day, after just four minutes in a 5-2 victory at Portman Road.

December 18, 2011, v Portsmouth (a)

To be a true Saints goalscoring legend you need to have scored against Portsmouth and Lambert managed exactly that. Though Saints ended up drawing, Lambert's headed opener ensured his place in the hearts of the club's fans.

August 19, 2012, v Man City (a)

With Saints behind and Lambert on the bench, the striker was introduced ten minutes into the second half and took just four minutes of Premier League football to notch his first top flight goal.

September 2, 2012, v Man United (h)

Lambert has notched up so many goals by peeling onto the full back at the far post, being found by a diagonal cross and powering home a header.

He did exactly that to give Saints a dream lead against Manchester United at St Mary's.

February 24, 2013, v Newcastle (a)

It was fitting that Lambert scored his 100th goal against the man who signed him for Saints.

Adam Lallana's low ball found Lambert at the near post and he swept home to make it a century of goals.

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October 15, 2011 – Derby 1 Saints 1

Having trailed to an early goal, Saints earned a point through Lambert's second-half strike. A nice one-two with David Connolly set him free, and he duly finished low into the far corner.



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October 1, 2011 – Saints 4 Watford 0
 Lambert scored twice on his 100th Saints appearance, netting another two penalty kicks. The first came midway through the opening half, after a handball, while he added another after the break having been fouled himself.



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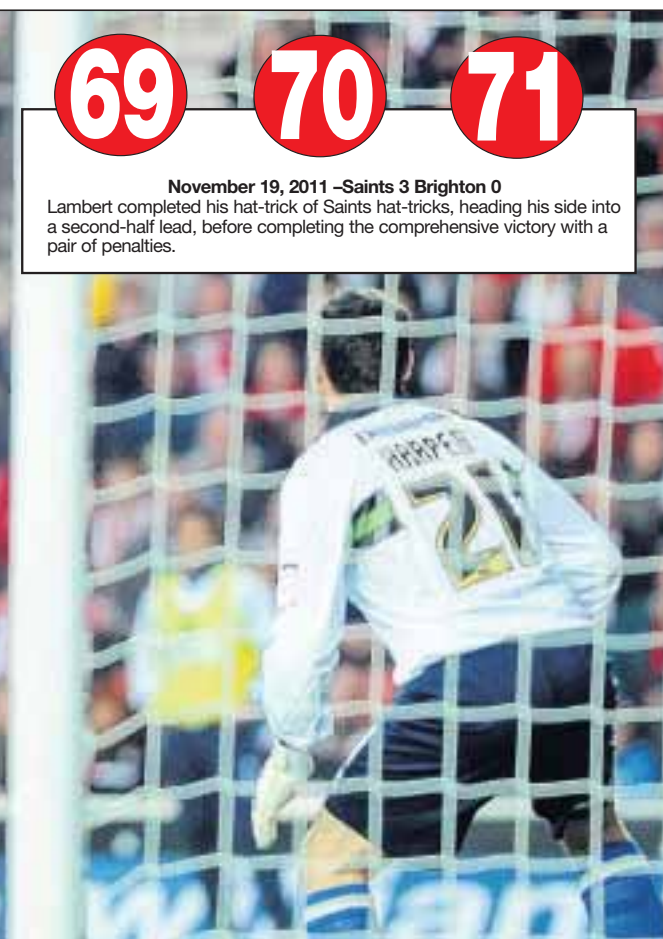
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November 19, 2011 – Saints 3 Brighton 0

Lambert completed his hat-trick of Saints hat-tricks, heading his side into a second-half lead, before completing the comprehensive victory with a pair of penalties.



SPOT ON: Lambert celebrates his first spot-kick against Brighton, above, and converts his second, below.



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December 10, 2011 – Saints 2 Blackpool 2

Lambert opened the scoring with a deflected strike, above, but Saints were behind after conceding a pair of sloppy goals, including a howler from Bartosz Bialkowski. They were rescued at the death by Lambert, though, as he headed home Frazer Richardson's lofted ball, main picture, into the box.

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February 25, 2012 – Watford 0 Saints 3

Lambert added another match ball to his burgeoning collection with a hat-trick at Vicarage Road. Lambert looped in an early header (top right, Lambert is out of the picture), before making it 2-0 before half-time with a crisp shot from 20 yards (inset middle right). A late penalty (right) then completed his treble.

HAT-TRICK: Richard Chaplow and Tadanari Lee help Rickie Lambert celebrate his third goal at Watford.



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December 18, 2011
Pompey 1 Saints 1

If he wasn't already there, this was a goal that elevated Lambert to true hero status, heading in Danny Fox's second-half free-kick to put Saints in front at Fratton Park. Pompey would equalise, but Lambert described his goal as "one of the best feelings I've ever had".

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January 28,
2012
Millwall 1
Saints 1
(FA Cup)

After returning from a three-game ban for the first red card of his career, in a 3-0 defeat at Brighton, Lambert was straight back on the goal trail, putting Saints in front with a stunning glancing header from a Dan Harding cross.

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January 31, 2012
Saints 1 Cardiff 1

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Trailing 1-0 at half-time, Saints salvaged a draw in the second half thanks to a Lambert penalty. The striker calmly slotted home from 12 yards after a handball decision went in the home side's favour.



GOAL: Lambert celebrates scoring against Millwall



February 7, 2012
Saints 2 Millwall 3 (FA Cup)

Lambert gave Saints a 2-1 lead with a little over ten minutes remaining, controlling a long ball and firing home from 18 yards for his 20th of the campaign, but Millwall scored twice late on to dump Saints out of the cup.

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March 3, 2012 – Leeds 0 Saints 1

One of the most memorable goalkeeping displays in club history from Kelvin Davis is what this game will rightly be remembered for, but it was Lambert's thumping early volley from Tadanari Lee's cushioned header that separated the sides.



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March 17, 2012
Millwall 2 Saints 3

A fourth hat-trick of the season for Lambert in a truly memorable match. He finished off

Morgan Schneiderlin's early pass, left for 1-0, then struck twice in the dying stages to overturn a 2-1 lead for the hosts. Both late strikes – above and below – were emphatically converted from the penalty spot.



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March 6, 2012
Saints 1 Ipswich 1

Lambert fired Saints in front with 16 minutes left, converting Steve De Ridder's low cross from ten yards – he is pictured celebrating that goal – only for Ipswich to salvage a late draw.

82



April 9, 2012
Crystal Palace 0 Saints 2

Lambert struck twice as Saints moved to the brink of the Premier League. He headed Saints in front shortly before half-time, then completed the win by dropping a shoulder to go past the Palace backline and finish left-footed into the far corner for his 30th – and one of his best – of the season. He is pictured celebrating that goal below.

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April 13, 2012
Saints 1 Reading 3
A disappointing night for Saints as they effectively lost any chance of the Championship title, but Lambert still had another strike to savour, lashing home a deflected shot that had made it 1-1.

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August 19, 2012
Manchester City 3 Saints 2

Surprisingly dropped by Nigel Adkins, Lambert responded to the snub by scoring within minutes of coming off the bench,

striking a beautiful right-foot shot into the bottom corner from the edge of the area for his first ever top-flight goal. The strike had made it 1-1 on a dramatic afternoon against the Premier League champions.

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September 2, 2012
Saints 2 Manchester United 3

Another hard-luck loss to one of the Manchester clubs. It had all started so well,

though, as Lambert rose above Rafael to head in Jason Puncheon's cross and put Saints in front. Robin van Persie's hat-trick ruined the day, however.

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September 22, 2012
Saints 4 Aston Villa 1

Having been 1-0 down at half-time, Saints soon levelled through Lambert's powerful low shot. The striker completed a



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first Premier League win of the season for the club with a penalty in added time.



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November 17, 2012
QPR 1 Saints 3
With the losing manager in this

one tipped for the sack, Lambert came up trumps for Nigel Adkins, heading Saints

into an early lead as they won a vital battle at the foot of the table.



December 26, 2012
Fulham 1 Saints 1
After former Saint Chris Baird inexplicably handled in his own area, Lambert stepped up to score a late penalty and earn a point. It was a nervous moment for the striker, though, as Mark Schwarzer nearly kept his effort out.

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November 28, 2012
Saints 1 Norwich 1

Lambert prodded home after Adam Lallana's free-kick had fallen to him via a couple of rico-

chets, but Saints' lead was cancelled out right on the stroke of half-time.

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December 29, 2012
Stoke 3 Saints 3

Guly do Prado's teasing delivery towards the back post

picked out Lambert, who side-footed Saints into an early lead on what turned out to be a dramatic afternoon at the Britannia Stadium.

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January 12, 2013
Aston Villa 0 Saints 1

Lambert earned Saints a vital three points with a first-half penalty, although he shouldn't have had the opportunity to take one, after Jay Rodriguez tumbled in the box without contact.



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February 2, 2013
Wigan 2 Saints 2

Lambert bravely nodded home an equaliser after half-time, being clattered by Wigan keeper Ali Al Habsi in the process, as Saints earned a point at the DW Stadium.



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February 24, 2013
Newcastle 4 Saints 2

The century arrives. Lambert, above, drilled home a low shot from Adam Lallana's pass to make it 2-2 early in the second half, with his 100th goal fittingly coming against Alan Pardew, the man who signed him for the club.



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January 16, 2013
Chelsea 2 Saints 2

Dropped by Adkins, who was in charge for the last time, Lambert responded in almost exactly the same fashion as he had on the opening day of the season, coming off the bench to head in a second-half goal, left – his tenth of the season – that made it 2-1, before Jason Puncheon struck to earn an unlikely point.

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Youth Football

Rich pickings at Poole Grammar for Cherries

FIVE seasons ago, Poole Grammar School took to the field at Coventry City's Ricoh Arena to play Trinity, from Nottingham, in the English Schools' FA Under-13 Cup final.

But they returned home disappointed, having suffered a 3-1 defeat in the final, *writes Mike Vimpany*.

Fast forward five years and four of that Under-13 side have since signed for AFC Bournemouth.

Another is a promising Hampshire Academy cricketer, one more an international trampolinist and a seventh knocking on the door to a professional career in golf.

Harry Cornick signing for the Cherries before Christmas and scoring on his Dean Court debut captured a local headline or two, but prior to that defender Charlie Davis, goalkeeper Ed Tierney and midfielder Josh Carmichael had all been snapped up by Bournemouth.

Carmichael played in Cherries' autumn defeats against Crawley Town and, ironically, Coventry City – the last time Paul Groves took charge.

"Most of that Under-13 team of 2008 are now in the Upper Sixth," said Poole Grammar PE Head Dan Crutchley.

"The year group had a number of talented sportsmen who progressed well during their time at Poole Grammar.

"It is great to see a number of them have continued to achieve success in the sporting arena and we wish them all luck in their future careers."

Michael Porter has subsequently left Poole Grammar for Brockenhurst College and has his eyes set on becoming a professional cricketer.

He scored more than 600 runs in his debut Southern Electric Premier League season for Bournemouth and was within a whisker of winning the prestigious Young Cricketer award.

Last year Porter captained Hampshire Under-17s to the ECB junior age group championship final and won the batting award.

Sina Abolghassem is currently on the international trampoline circuit and Jordan Howlett trying to carve a niche for himself in the golfing world.

Ben Mogg and Liam Donachy regularly play for Wimborne Town.

CHERRY PICKED: (from left) Harry Cornick, Charlie Davis, goalkeeper Ed Tierney and Josh Carmichael, who have all joined AFC Bournemouth from Poole Grammar School.



POOLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL: Pictured at the 2008 ESFA Under-13 Schools Cup final at Coventry City's Ricoh Arena, left to right – back: Sina Abolghassem, Jordan Howlett, Dan Kellaway, Alex Kelly, Josh Carmichael, Alfie Laws, Callum Foy, Ben Mogg, Ollie Soulsby, Ed Tierney. Front: Liam Donachy, Adam Wright, Michael Porter, Dan Snoxell, Harry Cornick, Charlie Davis.



Winning feeling

IT'S been a long time coming but Richard Taunton finally celebrated their first win since mid-November with a 2-0 success over Portsmouth.

Caesar Olla pounced on a defensive mistake to give Tauntons a half-time lead, but Emperor Julius wouldn't have been impressed with the two subsequent chances he skied over the bar with only the Portsmouth goalkeeper to beat.

Josh Chapman thought he could do better after pleading to go up front, so it was left to Portsmouth defender Ollie Brown to divert Callum Drake's cross into his own net for Richard Taunton's second clinching goal.

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Non-league Football

Ta very much

JUNIOR LEAGUES: Taavi Uuamae scored the only goal as Compton put distance between themselves and relegation rivals Forest Town Reserves in Junior 1.

There were lots of goals in Junior 2, with two 5-1 wins for Wellington and Hamble United. Mark Christopher hit two in Wellington's victory over West Totton. Goalkeeper Chris Sayce scored from the edge of his own box with a clearance as Hamble thumped Otterbourne A.

Biggest scorers in this section were title favourites Harefield, who crushed main rivals Chamberlayne 7-3 with two each from Lewis Le Mesurier and Jamie Roberts. James Taylor was a treble hero as Compton Reserves were 4-1 winners at Inmar. A David Harris goal secured Questmap Reserves a 1-0 victory over London Airways.

Capital gained a 6-1 Junior 3 win at AFC Gordons with pairs from Rich Frost and Adam Neale. Infinity Reserves produced a shock 4-2 verdict over promotion hopefuls Bitterne with Rich Adames scoring twice.

Rich Mannion hit three in Stanton's 5-1 win at Lyndhurst Reserves. Wellow came out on top in a double header against Bricklayers, winning 3-2 and drawing 1-1, Terry Griffiths scoring in both games for Wellow.

In Junior 4, Applewood Joinery surprisingly fell 4-3 at home to Harefield Reserves, while Botley Village lost ground, losing both in a double header with S G Sports 2-0 and 1-0.

Chandler's Ford edged Good Companions 3-2. A hat-trick by Jack Collymore of Botley Village Reserves was cancelled out by Craig Holloways's treble for New Forest Reserves.

Leaders AFC Phoenix thrashed Upham Reserves 8-2 with both George West and Jamie Feasey netting a hat-trick.

Junior 6 produced double header wins for Bishop's Waltham Dynamo's against AFC Stoneham A 5-1 and 6-0. There were six different scorers in the second game, after Andy Beattie hit a triple in the 5-1 win.

Hurt for hero

VETERANS CUPS: Nursling will be Woolston's opponents in the Southampton FA Vets Cup final after a tremendous long range shot from Roger Maynard sailed over keeper Dave Arriss in the Hythe Aztecs goal.

Maynard was unable to complete the game after suffering a bad leg injury that held up the game for 20 minutes. He even refused to go straight to hospital as he wanted to wait for the final whistle before heading off for an X-ray.

Sporting BTC defeated BTC 2-1 in the Eastleigh RA Vets League Cup (see Michael Carr's Park Scratchings).

In the O-35 Supp Cup, a hat-trick from Toby Adams put Q K Southampton Vets in a good position in their group with a 3-0 verdict over GE Aviation B.

Adie Scott hit four as six-shooting Redlynch thumped Northend 6-1. RS Winchester were 3-0 winners against Hedge End Rangers, Lee Strange scoring twice.

Sporting BTC B and Compton battled out a goal-less draw but decided to take penalties, which will count for nothing as it was a group game!

In the O-40 version, Langley Manor won for the first time, 3-0 against Royal Mail thanks in the main to an Ian Roberts double. Priory Rovers helped seed Wildern through as group winners by defeating Sholing 3-2.

Langley boost

VETS LEAGUE ACTION: Langley Tavern's title hopes were boosted as a Phil Swainston goal secured a 1-0 victory over Langley Manor. Main rivals Woolston needed a John Prout penalty to prevent defeat against AFC Stoneham. Michelmersh & Timsbury won 7-0 against Redbridge with Darren Hncock netting a triple.

In the O-40 division, Old Tauntonians won 9-0 against Langley Tavern with Rob Hammetton (3) and Ali Walton (2) their main scorers. Leaders Locks Heath moved further clear with a 4-1 win at nearest rivals Wildern OB helped by a Craig Finch double, Graham Gilmore and Jason Thomas also scored.

Dan's the man for Riverside

JUNIOR CUPS: The semi-finals of the Southampton DFA A Cup finally got played at the third attempt at the QE2 ground in Blackfield. But not before one of the teams ended up at the QE2 in Bursledon. A quick jaunt across town and the game kicked off 20 minutes late.

It worked out for Riverside, for whom the dynamic Dan Phillips helped his team come back from a goal down against Solent Saints to take the tie into extra time. He then put them in front only for Saints to equalise late in the extra time.

Keeper Dean Guyatt saved two penalties and saw the last Solent spot-kick sail over the bar to send Riverside through. Their opponents will be Veracity Vipers, who needed a late winner from Reece Standon to overcome AFC Grains who battled doggedly throughout before one mistake proved costly.

Warsash Wasps' flirtation with the Hampshire A Cup ended despite a two-goal salvo from Jamie Howlett as they lost 4-2 to reinstated Islanders Vectis Nomads, who now entertain Harefield for a place in the semi-final.

In the Roy Wightman Junior League Cup, holders AFC Gulf Western demolished Q K Southampton A 6-1 with Dave Jones and Sam Webb netting twice. Jody Agrella and Jordan Penfold also scored.

The Junior Vase produced an 8-0 win for Priory Rovers against Cricketers with a trio of



ABOVE: Action from Veracity Vipers (green) v AFC Grains.
BELOW: Action from Riverside (red/black) v Solent Saints.

Pictures by Tom Campbell



braces from Chris Schuring, Russ Medcalfe and Rob Taylor. Also through are Athletico Romsey, 4-2 winners over New Forest's first team to set up a tie with ... New

Forest Reserves! Dan Griffiths and Mark Walker both scored twice. Mitre inflicted a 4-1 defeat on Braishfield Reserves, with Joe Watts grabbing a brace. AFC

Station were given a tough time by Michelmersh & Timsbury A, needing penalties after drawing 2-2 after extra time. Station won the shoot-out 6-5.

Nursling get Bush whacked

BUSH Hill were in seventh heaven after inflicting a 7-1 mauling on Nursling.

The previous week's cup hero, Perry Harding, and Nick Kesby grabbed trebles with Dean Laxton completing the tally in the Drew Smith Premier Division game, **writes ROD SUTHERLAND.**

Cadnam produced the comeback of the day with a fine recovery from 3-1 down to defeat BTC 5-3 with Ash Hewer another hat-trick hero. Josh House and Mark Olsen also scored.

Lewis Morse and Mike Randall were Comrades' marksmen as they ran out 2-0 winners against AFC

Hiltingbury. Southampton University attempted a double header with White Star Wombles and, although they won 4-1 in the first encounter, they dropped valuable points in the reverse fixture which finished goalless.

In Senior 1, Roman Williams made amends for his penalty miss in the cup semi-final in the best possible way, converting from the spot for the only goal against improving Burridge AFC. The win was vital as East Boldre gained a 3-0 verdict over Michelmersh & Timsbury Reserves.

Hedge End Town maintained their lead at the top with an

impressive 4-1 comeback win at Soton Energy. Ben Dashwood put Energy ahead before Warren Hopkins, Kelvin Kellaway and Stuart Seaborne hit back.

The biggest winners were Comrades Reserves who inflicted an 8-0 defeat on BTC Southampton Reserves, including a treble from Sean Swift. Kieran Hobbs and Will Phillips also struck twice.

The division has been rocked by a third withdrawal of the season. Nursling Reserves have pulled out which, following on from White Horse and Hythe Aztecs withdrawals, leaves the division with just nine teams.

Non-league community says farewell to former 'Port boss

LOCAL soccer yesterday said its farewells to Derek Edwards, scores of former teammates attending his funeral service at Portchester Crematorium.

Edwards, who was one of the area's best known soccer managers throughout the 1970s and 1980s, died last month after a long illness, aged 77.

An England schoolboy international, he was on Pompey's books in the early 1950s, although never playing a first team game, and chose a career path in banking alongside soccer at a non-league level.

An accomplished left-half who read the game so well, he played non-league football for a number of teams, including Guildford City in the Southern League.

As a player, his finest hour was arguably helping Leigh Park



DEREK EDWARDS

lift the coveted FA Sunday Cup in 1969, beating Loke United, from Norwich, 3-1 in the final.

He went on to manage in the Sussex County League, initially Chichester City and then Bognor Regis Town from 1970 to 1976 before spending a brief spell at Bath Lane with Fareham Town.

His greatest success was as a manager after he took over Newport in 1977, bringing to the club many quality players including Bob Musslewhite, Lennie Phillips, Micky Gee, Dave Selway, Tony Cleveland and Alan Legg.

Edwards enjoyed immediate success winning the Russell Cotes Cup, the Hampshire Floodlit Cup and the Isle of Wight Gold Cup in his first season.

He then proceeded to win the Hampshire League in each of the three following seasons, two Hampshire Senior Cups, two more Russell Cotes Cups and reaching the FA Vase 4th round for the first time in the club's history.

He stepped down in the summer of 1981 to take over at Southern League Fareham Town, but returned four years later, staying for two seasons as Newport moved into the Wessex League in 1986.

In his younger days, Derek was a decent club cricketer, a left-hand opening batsman, who enjoyed badminton, table tennis and latterly golf.

Sports Quiz

- 1 At which club did former England striker James Beattie begin his career?
- 2 Which Clydesdale Bank Premier League team play home matches at Rugby Park?
- 3 Former England manager Steve McClaren has managed which Bundesliga club?
- 4 Moises Henriques plays international cricket for which country?
- 5 What is the name of Denver's NBA franchise?
- 6 Who was the last non-European to win the Wimbledon men's singles title?
- 7 What nationality is golfer Geoff Ogilvy?
- 8 Who is head coach of Italy's rugby union side?
- 9 Loftus Versfeld stadium is located in which city?
- 10 Russell Slade is manager of which power League One team?
- 11 How many Test centuries has Kevin Pietersen scored?
- 12 Who beat super heavy-weight David Price in the 2008 Olympics?
- 13 Where do Bristol Rovers play their home matches?
- 14 Which MLB side are nicknamed the Orioles?
- 15 Who was the last British winner of the Accenture Match Play title?
- 16 Which Spanish club did Michu play for before joining Swansea?
- 17 Kyle Abbott plays Test cricket for which country?
- 18 Darren Edwards is head coach of which Welsh rugby union region?
- 19 Who holds the record for the most Tour de France stage wins?
- 20 Which NFL franchise play their home matches at Sun Life Stadium?
- 21 Who finished as runner-up to Mika Hakkinen in the 1999 Formula One world drivers' championship?
- 22 At which event did Serbia's Ana Ivanovic win her only grand slam singles title to date?
- 23 Los Che is the nickname of which Spanish football team?
- 24 At which weight did Audley Harrison win boxing gold at the 2000 Sydney Olympics?
- 25 What is the nickname of Kansas City's NFL franchise?
- 26 Who did Pep Guardiola replace as Barcelona coach in 2008?
- 27 How many snooker World Championship titles has Steve Davis won?
- 28 Pakistan spinner Abdur Rehman played for which county last season?
- 29 England prop Dan Cole plays for which Aviva Premiership side?
- 30 Which player denied Tiger Woods a clean sweep of the four majors in 2000?

Answers

- 1 Blackburn; 2 Kilmarnock; 3 Wolfsburg; 4 Australia; 5 The Nuggets; 6 Lleyton Hewitt (2002); 7 Australian; 8 Jacques Brunel; 9 Pretoria; 10 Leyton Orient; 11 Rijkaard; 12 Steve Smith; 13 Leicester; 14 Leicester; 15 Vili Singh; 16 Swansea; 17 Kyle Abbott; 18 Wales; 19 Darren Edwards; 20 Sun Life Stadium; 21 Mike Hakkinen; 22 Ana Ivanovic; 23 Serbia; 24 Los Angeles; 25 Los Angeles; 26 Kansas City; 27 Steve Davis; 28 Steve Davis; 29 Steve Davis; 30 Tiger Woods.



KEVIN PIETERSEN

Non-league Football



Knighton chase their 'quadruple'

KNIGHTON Arms remained on track for another quadruple as they ended City Central's 100 per cent record to join their rivals at the top of the Premier Division of the City of Southampton League.

A few days after beating Central 2-1 at Romsey to reach the Southampton FA Senior Sunday Cup final, they defeated them 2-0 to record their sixth successive Premier Division victory.

Knighton are still second on goal difference behind Central, but have a game in hand on the leaders.

Knighton bid for the first part of their quadruple this weekend when they take on Westwood OB in the final of the Southampton FA Sunday Senior Cup.

Elsewhere in the Premier Division, Totton Town recorded a 3-2 win at Old Mill to pull clear of rock bottom Westwood.

Two strikes from Danny Hanlon and an effort from Lee Wilkinson sent the visitors into the break with

CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUE

a 3-0 lead. Steve Keating twice replied in the second half.

In the Senior Division, table toppers Sholing Celtic staged a remarkable comeback as they drew 3-3 at home to second placed Linden Tree in a thrilling clash between the top two.

Linden raced into a 3-0 lead at the break thanks to goals from Russell Medcalf, Shahin Bani-Sadr and Matty Camfield.

Leon Elliot produced an overhead kick to start the revival before Craig Lyons reduced the arrears still further with a penalty.

Samuel Davis netted a last minute leveller to maintain Celtic's nine point lead at the top.

Lyndhurst & NH romped to a 14-0 home victory against basement side Bedes Lea 97 who played the full 90 minutes with only ten men.

Wade Wilson led the rout with seven goals with Peter Slack (2), Ash Baddams (2), Jez Bullen, Pete

Munday senior and Pete Smith also on target.

Old House at Home defeated visiting Eastbrook Harriers 2-0 with a brace from Matt Pile, one in each half.

Two DR Ryder Trophy games had to be decided by penalties.

AFC Horns defeated Cricketers Arms (Fair Oak) 5-4 on spot-kicks after a 3-3 draw to reach the second round.

Tom O'Dell, Jamie Feasey and Liam Wing netted for Horns, who were level 1-1 at 90 minutes.

Successful penalties came from Wing, O'Dell, Dean Laxton, Martyn Randall and Danny Smith.

Sherfield English advanced to the third round after a 4-3 shoot-out win at Southampton Bhoys, following a 0-0 stalemate.

Ashley Shergold, Shaun Woodhouse, Harry Williams and Toby Rogers netted for English in the shoot-out.

Bridge are also through to the third round after caning Landguard Rovers 5-0, thanks to Wayne O'Dell (2), Mitch Drouet,

Rob Elder and Jamie Kemp.

Steve Allen helped Woodmill booked their place in the Southampton Divisional FA Junior A semi-final.

He scored all his side's goals in a 4-3 victory over Whitenap.

Crofton Saints also booked themselves a semi final date as they beat AFC Portswood 6-4, with Josh Borg netting a hat-trick and further goals coming from Rory Wood, Jack Rudland and Anthony Baker. Rob North and Jamie Hutchinson twice replied.

Striker Josh Hawkins grabbed his second consecutive hat-trick as Sky Blues booked their place in the second round of the Charlie Godden Trophy.

Hawkins followed up the previous weekend's hat-trick against EDIS with another against Eastpoint to earn his side a comfortable 3-0 away victory.

Obelisk secured their place in the second round as they won 2-1 at Southampton Classic.

New leaders hit five

ATHLETICO HC moved top of the Junior Division 1 table after winning 5-0 at Castle Inn.

There were five different scorers - Andy Longland, James Moorman, Ollie Davidson, John Steinhofel and Ryan Dickson.

Russell West scored a hat-trick as Newtown Athletic moved nine points clear of bottom side Echo after a 9-1 victory in a game between the two basement sides.

Edward Bassey (2), Sean Dhandia, Andy Catterson, James Riley and Scott Roberts also netted as Newtown led 5-0 at half-time.

AFC Southampton closed the gap at the top of the Junior Division 2 table to just two points as they beat Titans 5-0.

Matt McKenzie and Lee Ryves both scored twice with Dan Whitnall completing the nap hand.

Bottom side Hedge End Club remained rooted to the foot of the table as they lost



TREBLE: Sam McStay scored three for Itchen Saints.

3-2 at Cherbourg.

Luke Stanton, Danny Mead and Craig Howells scored in the first half for Cherbourg, with Jamie Morton and Luke Potheary replying.

Lewis Crook fired a hat-trick and Sean Nutbeen was also on target as AFC Bursledon defeated visiting

Sporting Compass 4-1.

Sherfield English Reserves claimed their first win of the season as they beat Carnival UK 5-2 in Junior Division 3.

Jamie Baron and Luke Bowers replied for Carnival, who are now bottom.

AFC Riverside remained top despite suffering their second defeat of the season as they slumped to a 2-1 loss at Portswood United.

Nico Young and Michael Stephens netted for Portswood with Cameron Marsh-White replying.

Ben Dawkins blasted a double hat-trick as RS Ocean Village caned Regents Park 8-2.

Karl Bigmore and Rob Longman also scored with Cameron Grierson and Sam Vidler replying.

Hampshire Yeoman moved to the top of Junior Division 4 as they claimed an impressive 4-1 win at Durley with goals from

Danny King (2), Dan Piernicki and Tim Hazeldine. Chris Riley replied.

Boyard Wood Wanderers won 5-2 at AFC Marchwood with goals by Sam Drummond (2), Jason Palmer, Dan Harket-Burgess and an own goal.

George Minards and Ben Foster replied. Tom Veitch and an own goal gave Royale Marine a 2-0 win at EDIS.

Itchen Saints extended their lead at the top of Division Five as Sam McStay netted three times during their 8-0 victory over JSC. Also on target were Jack Mcstay (2), Jamie Martin, Neil Bartlett and an own goal.

Mike Knott struck four times as Cherbourg Reserves triumphed 7-4 at Bannister Park.

Brad Taylor (2) and Dean Millier also netted with Michael Carr - of Park Scratchings fame and Alex Gittens twice replied.

Two goals from Ryan Long could not prevent Bridge AFC Reserves losing 3-2 at home to Ampfield, who netted through Nathan Gray and Gary Whittle.

A goal from Luke Harris gave AFC Bishopstoke a home win over Burridge AFC.

In Division Six, Testwood Tornados slumped to their ninth defeat in ten games as they fell to a 4-0 home defeat to Unity, who scored through Clint Norris, Ikram Ali, Harron Hussain and Naz Azram.

Mark Dixon's goal from his own half wasn't enough as Netley R.B.L fell to a 3-2 home defeat to Portside.

Adam Sear also replied with Jason McHugh, Luke Chambers and Chris Norman having put Portside into a 3-0 half-time lead.

Melvin Rogers (2) and an own goal saw Sporting Compass Reserves win 3-0 at home to Athletic Totton.

Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

Dismal run carries on with a fourth defeat

BOURNEMOUTH FIXTURES 2012/13

AUGUST

14 Oxford U (A) (CC) D 0-0
Lost on penalties
18 Portsmouth (A) D 1-1
Barnard
21 MK Dons (H) D 1-1
Grabban
25 Preston (H) D 1-1
Elphick

SEPTEMBER

1 Sheff Utd (A) L 3-5
Barnard, Elphick, Pugh
4 Pompey (A) (JPT) D 2-2
Lost 4-3 on pens
MacDonald 2
8 Yeovil (A) W 1-0
Hughes
15 Hartlepool (H) D 1-1
Tubbs
18 Brentford (H) D 2-2
Tubbs, Daniels
22 Swindon (A) L 0-4
29 Walsall (H) L 1-2
Daniels

OCTOBER

2 Crawley Town (A) L 3-1
Barnard
6 Coventry (A) L 0-1
13 Leyton Orient (H) W 2-0
Grabban, Pugh
20 Tranmere (H) W 3-1
Pugh, Arter, Francis
23 Notts County (A) D 3-3
McQuoid, Arter, Tubbs
27 Carlisle (A) W 4-2
Pugh 2, Barnard

NOVEMBER

3 Dagenham (FAC1) W 4-0
Pugh, McQuoid (2), Fogden
6 Shrewsbury (H) W 2-1
Daniels, McQuoid
10 Doncaster (A) W 1-0
Arter
17 Oldham (H) W 4-1
Grabban 3, Daniels

20 Stevenage (H) D 1-1
Tubbs
24 Bury (A) D 2-2
Grabban, Pitman

DECEMBER

1 Carlisle (A) (FAC2) W 3-1
Fogden, O'Kane, Pugh
8 Scunthorpe (A) W 2-1
Grabban, Fogden
15 Colchester (H) W 1-0
Grabban
26 Yeovil (H) W 3-0
Grabban, Arter, Pitman
29 Crawley Tn (H) W 3-0
Alexander (og), Pitman, O'Kane 84

JANUARY

1 Brentford (A) D 0-0
5 Wigan (A) (FAC3) D 1-1
O'Kane
12 Swindon (H) D 1-1
Arter
15 Wigan (H) (FAC3R) L 0-1
19 Walsall (A) L 3-1
Pitman
22 Hartlepool (A) W 2-1
McQuoid, Grabban
26 Crewe (H)

FEBRUARY

2 MK Dons (A) W 3-0
Grabban, Pugh, Arter
9 Portsmouth W 2-0
16 Preston L 0-2
23 Sheff Utd (H) L 0-1
26 Coventry (H) L 0-2
MARCH
2 Leyton Orient (A)
9 Doncaster (H)
12 Stevenage (A)
16 Oldham (A)
23 Bury (H)
30 Colchester (A)

APRIL

1 Scunthorpe (H)
6 Notts County (H)
13 Shrewsbury (A)
20 Carlisle (H)
27 Tranmere (A)
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Leyton Orient 3 Cherries 1 CHARLIE MacDonald's double put Leyton Orient on course to condemn Cherries to a fourth suc- cessive League One defeat today.

MacDonald netted either side of half-time as the hosts capitalised on some slack defending to establish a 2-0 lead at Brisbane Road.

And although Cherries substitute Brett Pitman halved the arrears with the goal of the game, Kevin Lisbie came off the bench to complete the scoring 11 minutes from time.

MacDonald profited from some ponderous defending to open the scoring midway through the first half, the striker converting Mooney's cross.

However, Cherries contributed to their own downfall with Dan Seaborne and Shwan Lal failing to deal with a routine through ball over the top.

With Cherries still rocking, Orient defender Scott Cuthbert burst into the 18-yard box before firing just wide of the upright.



ON TARGET: Cherries' Brett Pitman.

Seaborne was convinced he had levelled when he met with a thumping header a cross from Simon Francis.

But after the ball had hit the underside of the crossbar and bounced down, the assistant deemed it had not crossed the line.

Roman Vincelot rifled a right-foot effort over the crossbar after James's knock-

down had picked him out 12 yards from goal.

Lewis Grabban spurned a great opportunity to level on the stroke of half-time, the striker blazing high over the crossbar after Josh McQuoid had foxed the Orient defence by stepping over Ritchie's corner.

MacDonald doubled Orient's lead just three minutes into the second half when Cherries made a dog's dinner of dealing with another through ball, Eunan O'Kane inadvertently rolling it into the path of the striker who tucked his effort past Jalal.

Substitute Pitman almost made an immediate impression, the striker's header from O'Kane's hanging cross acrobatically tipped over the crossbar by Jones on the hour.

Pitman finally found a way past Jones when his finely-taken volley from another O'Kane centre halved the deficit after 66 minutes.

But Orient substitute Lisbie came off the bench to restore the hosts' two-goal lead, poking home his effort following good work by winger Moses Odubajo.

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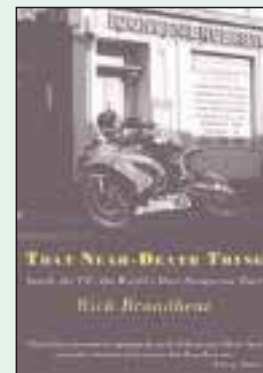
We're a little over a fortnight away from the Formula One seasonal opener in Australia.

That means the promotional after-burners are on, actively promoting it as a glamour sport, awash with cash and rock star fans, set against a succession of stunning locations.

Like football, F1 is ridiculously over-hyped, a sanitised, made-for-TV version of the competitive sport it once was, but the money keeps rolling in and today that's all that matters.

Motorbike racing, by contrast, is a considered a specialised, relatively low-key, late-night satellite TV affair, yet every year the British Isles hosts what is widely accepted as the world's most dangerous road race.

The Isle of Man TT (it stands for Tourist Trophy) was formerly part of the grand prix world championship. But the sport's governing body, the FIM, dropped it in 1976 because it was considered too dangerous.



Thankfully, this did not prevent the island's Tourist Department from developing the TT Festival which this year runs from 25th May – 7th June.

Once you've read this incredible book, you'll be booking your flight or ferry to witness this unforgettable experience.

Author Rick Broadbent follows four riders, John McGuinness, Guy Martin, Michael Dunlop and Conor Cummins, as they frequently dice with death during the 2010 and 2011 TT seasons.

Broadbent takes a gritty look at the racers' lives, for although these men draw huge crowds to the island each year, their experiences couldn't be further removed from the Formula One circus.

Many spend the night before a race under canvas, at their parents' home or in one case, sleeping in a lock-up garage.

Then there's the race itself.

Getting onto a bike capable of speeds exceeding 200mph takes extraordinary courage.

But when you're hurtling past fixed objects such as telegraph poles and stone walls, as well as moving ones including stray dogs, it takes phenomenal levels of skill and concentration simply to reach the finish line.

Broadbent's engaging style and eye for detail ensures that the reader cannot help but contrast the extraordinary feats and bravery of the TT's largely amateur riders with the cosseted world of F1.

An absolutely cracking read.

THIS WEEK'S NATIONAL AND LOCAL FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Sunday, March 3
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
Tottenham v Arsenal (4.00)

Monday, March 4
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
Aston Villa v Man City (8.00)

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Hitchin v Barwell.

Division One South & West: Mangotsfield v Didcot.

Tuesday, March 5
UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

First Knock-Out Round Second Leg: Borussia Dortmund v Shakhtar Donetsk, Man Utd v Real Madrid

NPOWER LEAGUE

Championship: Birmingham v Blackpool, Bolton v Blackburn (8.00), Bristol City v Brighton, Burnley v Barnsley, Cardiff v Derby, Crystal Palace v Hull (8.00), Huddersfield v Middlesbrough, Leicester v Leeds, Millwall v Wolverhampton, Nottm Forest v Ipswich, Peterborough v Charlton, Watford v Sheff Wed.

League 1: Crawley Town v Carlisle, Hartlepool v Colchester, Milton Keynes Dons v Doncaster, Stevenage v Brentford

League 2: Cheltenham v Chesterfield, Oxford Utd v Rotherham, Port Vale v Bradford

BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

South: Eastbourne v Dorchester, Havant & Waterlooville v Bath City, Maidenhead v Dover, Salisbury v Basingstoke, Sutton v Bromley, Weston-super-Mare v Chelmsford.

HAMPSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP

Semi-finals: AFC Bournemouth v AFC Totton (at AFC Totton), Alresford Town v Sholing.

RUSSELL COTES CUP

Quarter-final: Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Gosport Borough.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Arlesey v Bideford, Banbury v Stourbridge, Bedford v Bedford, Cambridge City v Kettering, Chesham v Leamington, Hemel Hempstead v Weymouth, Redditch v Basingstoke.

Division One South & West: Bridgwater v North Leigh, Evesham v Wimbome, Merthyr Town v Cirencester, Poole Town v Taunton, Yate v Tiverton.

ISLE OF WIGHT GOLD CUP

Quarter-final: Cowes Sports v Shanklin.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Lymington Town, Blackfield & Langley v Totton & Eling, Fareham v Walsley, GE Hamble v Downton, New Milton v Hayling Utd, Newport IoW v Horndean.

Division One: Tadley Calvea v Stockbridge.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

PEHPL Cup, semi-final: Liphook Utd v Colden Common (at Petersfield Town FC)

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Division One East: Hayling Utd v Newport IoW.

Wednesday, March 6

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

First Knock-Out Round Second Leg: Juventus v Celtic, PSG v Valencia

NPOWER LEAGUE

League 1: Notts County v Leyton Orient, League 2: Bristol Rovers v Exeter

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v Cinderford (7.30), Swindon Supermarine v Paulton Rovers.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Verwood v Alton.

Division One: Brockenhurst v Pewsey Vale.

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP

Semi-final: AFC Stoneham v Comrades.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

Senior Division: AFC Aldermaston v QK Southampton.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

WL Cup, quarter-final: Sholing v Salisbury City.

Premier Division: Christchurch v Moneyfields, Dorchester Town v AFC Portchester.

Division One East: Horndean v Tadley

Calvea.

Division One West: Blackfield & Langley v Lymington Town, Fawley v Hythe & Dibden, Ringwood v Downton.

Thursday, March 7

UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE

Round of 16, 1st Leg: Anzhi Makhachkala v Newcastle (5.00), Basle v Zenit St Petersburg (8.05), Benfica v Bordeaux (8.05), Levante v Rubin Kazan (8.05), Pizarro v Fenerbahce (6.00), Steaua Bucuresti v Chelsea (6.00), Tottenham v Inter Milan (8.05), VfB Stuttgart v Lazio (6.00)

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Division One South & West: Bridgwater v Shortwood.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Newport IoW v Bournemouth Poppies.

Division One: Andover New Street v Laverstock & Ford.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

PEHPL Combination Cup, semi-final: AFC Stoneham v Locks Heath (at Romsey Town FC).

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Totton v Wimbome Town, Basingstoke v Bemerton HH, Winchester City v Fleet Town.

Division One East: Alresford Town v Fareham Town.

Friday, March 8

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Fareham Town v GE Hamble.

Saturday, March 9

FA Cup

Sixth Round: Man City v Barnsley (5.30), Everton v Wigan (12.45)

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal v Everton, Newcastle v Stoke, Norwich v Saints, QPR v Sunderland, Reading v Aston Villa, West Brom v Swansea.

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Championship: Birmingham v Derby, Bolton v

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NPOWER LEAGUE

League 1: Bournemouth v Doncaster, Carlisle v Brentford, Colchester v Crewe, Crawley Town v Notts County, Hartlepool v Yeovil, Portsmouth v Bury, Preston v Stevenage, Scunthorpe v Coventry, Sheff Utd v Milton Keynes Dons, Shrewsbury v Leyton Orient, Swindon v Walsall, Tranmere v Oldham

League 2: AFC Wimbledon v York, Barnet v Morecambe, Bradford v Aldershot, Burton Albion v Cheltenham, Chesterfield v Bristol Rovers, Fleetwood Town v Exeter, Gillingham v Plymouth, Northampton v Accrington Stanley, Port Vale v Southend, Rochdale v Wycombe, Rotherham v Dag & Red, Torquay v Oxford Utd.

BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

South: AFC Hornchurch v Bath City, Billericay v Staines, Bromley v Truro, Chelmsford v Tonbridge, Dorchester v Boreham Wood, Dover v Havant & Waterlooville, Eastbourne v Farnborough, Hayes & Yeading v Sutton, Maidenhead v Eastleigh, Welling v Basingstoke, Weston-super-Mare v Salisbury.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Totton v Redditch, Arlesey v Chippenham, Banwell v St Albans, Bedford v Chesham, Bedford v Hemel Hempstead, Cambridge City v Gosport Borough, Frome v Hitchin, Leamington v Basingstoke, St Neots v Stourbridge, Weymouth v Banbury.

Division One South & West: Abingdon Utd v Cirencester, Bishops Cleeve v Winchester City, Clevedon v Paulton Rovers, Evesham v Shortwood, Merthyr Town v Hungerford, North Leigh v Cinderford, Poole Town v Didcot, Sholing v Mangotsfield, Taunton v Wimbome Town, Tiverton v Swindon Supermarine, Yate v Bridgwater.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Alresford v Blackfield &

Langley, Bournemouth Poppies v Horndean, Christchurch v Lymington Town, Downton v AFC Portchester, Fawley v Totton & Eling, Hamworthy Utd v Verwood, Moneyfields v Hayling Utd, New Milton v Alton, Newport IoW v Romsey.

Division One: East Cowes Vics v Pewsey Vale, Fleet Spurs v Brockenhurst, Laverstock & Ford v Ringwood, Petersfield v Andover NS, Stockbridge v Amesbury, Tadley Calvea v Covas Sports, Team Solent v US Portsmouth, Whitchurch v Hythe & Dibden.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

Senior Division: AFC Aldermaston v Paulsgrove, AFC Stoneham v Hedge End Rangers, Glanfield v Locks Heath, Hamble Club v Winchester Castle, Liss Athletic v Sporting BW, Otterbourne v Liphook, Overton v Bournemouth Sports, OK Southampton v Colden Common, University of Portsmouth v Fleetlands.

Combination: Bournemouth Sports v Otterbourne, Golden Common v Glanfield, Fleetlands v Sporting BW, Liphook v AFC Stoneham, Locks Heath v Overton, Paulsgrove v Hedge End Rangers, Winchester Castle v Liss Athletic.

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Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Fleet Town, Bemerton HH v Dorchester Town, Wimbome Town v Salisbury City.

Division One East: Alton v Team Solent, Fareham Town v Tadley Calvea, GE Hamble v Alresford, Hayling Utd v Whitchurch, Horndean v Newport IoW, US Portsmouth v Petersfield.

Division One West: Blackfield & Langley v Downton, Lymington Town v Fawley, Ringwood v Laverstock & Ford, Romsey v East Cowes Vics, Verwood v Hythe & Dibden.

RESULTS ROUND-UP IN MONDAY'S DAILY ECHO



Youth Football

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Youth Football



BLOCK: The Romsey keeper comes out to save.
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TEAM SPIRIT: Romsey celebrate their second goal. Order no: 15965916



DIVE: The Alresford keeper saves. Order no: 15965379



ALRESFORD TOWN GIRLS U11: Defeated their Romsey counterparts 4-2 in the Southampton & District Girls' League thanks to four goals from Amy Stooksbury who is pictured left celebrating one of her strikes. Daily Echo pictures by Paul Collins Order nos: 15965578 (above) and 15965702



LEVELLER: Romsey make it 2-2.
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SAINTS DISH OUT SIX OF THE BEST

SOUTHAMPTON Saints Ladies eased past underdogs Hamble Club 6-0 to reach the final of the Southampton FA Women's Challenge Cup.

Saints, from the fourth tier of women's football, were red-hot favourites against their Hampshire County League Division 3 opponents at Locks Heath.

Saints won with goals from Midge Browning (2), Becky Lundrum (2), Leah Shave and Shez Palk.

Saints will now face Southampton Women's first team, from the Southern Region Women's League, in the final on March 20 at Romsey Town.

Saints suffered the worst defeat of their history when they lost 14-0 at Keynsham in the South West Combination League.

Scotland international Suzanne Grant, who has won more than 100 caps for her country, was the star of the show.

Southampton Saints under-16s/17s thrashed Portsmouth Ladies twice in a

double header.

The league game was 25 minutes each way, as was the subsequent League Cup tie.

In the league game, Saints strolled to a 12-0 victory, despite the game being only 50 minutes in length.

It was 5-0 at half-time with goals from Hannah Knapton (2), Cleo Rawlings (2) and Livvy Jones.

Saints started the second half hungry for more goals, and Rawlings completed her hat-trick, getting on the end of an accurate corner from Pearce. Amber Siley, Pearce and Jones made it 9-0 before Knapton added three more goals to her tally.

Saints are top of the league with a plus goal difference of 76, while all the other teams have a minus goal difference.

Saints also won the Cardington Cup tie that followed, but this time the score was 6-1.

Livvy Jones and Amber Siley put them 2-1 ahead at the interval, with second-half goals coming from Cleo Rawlings, Jones, Siley and Glover.

Beth Whitehorn and Bekah Tonks

were voted joint players of the matches.

Southampton Saints under-15s moved to the top of the table with a 12-1 thrashing of hosts Crofton Saints.

The size of the win was due in part to the fact the usual Crofton keeper was unavailable and her place was taken by an inexperienced outfielder.

Megan Chapman (2), Elle Pearce and Paris Payne made it 5-0 at half-time, with second-half strikes coming from Chapman (2), Pearce (2), Payne, Eilidh Curie and an own goal.

Manager's player of the Match was Hannah Richards.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Soton Saints U15	10	9	0	1	27
Winchester Flyers	11	8	2	1	26
Corfe Mullen U15	12	8	2	2	26
Mudford Phoenix U15	11	6	2	3	20
Boscombe U15	13	6	1	6	19
Crofton Saints	13	3	1	9	10
Oakwood Foxes	11	2	2	7	8
Wimborne	2	0	0	2	0
Sarum Youth	11	0	0	11	0

Captain Jennifer King and Kia Antoney both scored twice as Southampton Saints under-11s won 5-1 at Wyvern Stars. After falling behind, Saints eased to victory with Arabella Suttie also on target.

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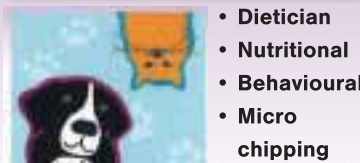
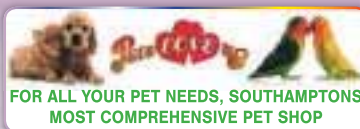
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Ba 28		Att 41,548	
HT 1-0			
Everton	3	Reading	1
Fellaini 42		Robson-Kanu 84	
Pienaar 59, Mirallas 66			
HT 1-0		Att 35,244	
Man Utd	4	Norwich	0
Kagawa 45,76,87			
Ronney 90			
HT 1-0		Att 75,586	
SAINTS	1	Q.P.R.	2
Ramirez 45		Remy 14	
HT 1-1		Bothroyd 77	
Stoke	0	West Ham	1
HT 0-1		Collins 45	
Sunderland	2	Fulham	2
Gardner 37 pen		Berbatov 16 pen	
Sessegnon 70		Riether 35	
HT 1-2		Att 38,312	
Swansea	1	Newcastle	0
Moore 85			
HT 0-0		Att 20,405	
Wigan	L	Liverpool	L
HT L-L			

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	Pt
Man Utd	28	13	0	1	38	15	10	2
Man City	27	10	3	1	31	11	6	5
Chelsea	28	8	4	2	31	12	7	3
Spurs	27	7	4	2	20	13	8	2
Arsenal	27	8	3	3	35	19	5	5
Everton	28	7	6	1	25	17	4	6
Swansea	28	6	6	2	27	19	4	4
W.B.A.	28	8	2	4	21	13	4	2
Liverpool	27	7	3	4	27	12	3	6
Fulham	28	6	3	5	22	17	2	6
Stoke	28	6	6	2	18	15	1	6
West Ham	28	4	5	6	19	17	2	4
Norwich	28	6	5	3	16	15	1	6
Sunderland	28	4	5	5	16	15	3	4
Newcastle	28	4	7	1	6	21	20	1
SAINTS	28	4	5	6	19	17	2	4
Wigan	27	2	4	7	17	27	4	2
A. Villa	27	3	4	6	11	19	2	5
Reading	28	4	6	4	22	27	1	2
Q.P.R.	28	1	7	6	8	21	2	4

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Barnsley	2	Bolton	3
Cywik 47		Ngozi 1	
O'Grady 53		Att 10,862	
HT 0-2			
Blackburn	2	Peterboro	0
Rhodes 73		Gayle 11,14,27	
Jones 90			
HT 0-3		Att 13,192	
Blackpool	0	Bristol C	0
HT 0-0		Att 12,934	
Brighton	4	Huddersfield	1
Ulloa 20,76,78		Vaughan 42	
HT 1-1		Att 25,831	
Charlton	0	Burnley	1
HT 0-1		Austin 43	
Hull	5	Birmingham	2
Boyd 1,33		Lovenkrands 83	
Gedo 11,76		Burke 87	
Koren 49			
HT 3-0		Att 17,146	
Ipswich	1	Leicester	0
McGoldrick 85			
HT 0-0		Att 17,021	
Leeds Utd	1	Millwall	0
Warnock 72 pen			
HT 0-0		Att 19,002	
Middlesbro	2	Cardiff	1
Dyer 13		Gunnarsson 67	
Ameobi 17			
HT 2-0		Att 15,440	
Sheff Wed	L	Nottm For	L
HT L-L			

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	Pt
Cardiff	34	13	1	2	27	11	9	3
Hull	35	12	2	4	31	17	8	3
Watford	35	9	3	5	30	19	10	3
Crystal P	35	11	5	1	41	19	6	5
Leicester	34	12	2	3	39	14	5	4
Brighton	34	8	7	3	27	15	6	6
Middlesbro	35	12	1	5	35	22	5	2
Leeds Utd	34	11	2	4	23	18	3	5
Bolton	35	9	5	3	28	17	4	7
Nottm For	34	8	5	4	28	21	4	7
Burnley	35	7	5	5	23	17	6	3
Blackburn	35	8	3	7	21	20	3	9
Derby City	35	8	7	3	34	19	3	4
Millwall	34	7	2	3	21	23	5	6
Charlton	35	4	6	8	21	27	7	4
Blackpool	35	5	6	8	28	22	5	4
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Huddersfield	35	5	8	4	19	19	5	3
Sheff Wed	33	6	8	22	28	5	4	7
Barnsley	34	5	4	8	18	23	5	3
Peterboro	34	5	2	10	26	34	6	1
Wolves	35	4	7	7	22	27	5	2
Bristol C	35	7	2	8	35	37	3	12

npower League One

Brentford	1	Scunthorpe	0
Adeyemi 70		Att 5,400	
HT 0-0			
Bury	0	Crawley	2
HT 0-1		Proctor 17,48	
Coventry	1	Swindon	2
Moussa 2		Williams 86	
HT 1-0		Ward 90	
Crewe	1	POMPEY	2
Pogba 63		Aggemang 6	
HT 0-2		Connolly 29	
Doncaster	3	Hartlepool	0
Hume 35			
Copping 81			
Paynter 54			
HT 1-0		Att 7,457	
Leyton O	3	CHERRIES	2
MacDonald 26,48		Pitman 66	
HT 1-0		Att 5,136	
M K Dons	1	Preston	1
Chickens 2		Hayhurst 7	
HT 1-1		Att 8,412	
Notts Cnty	1	Carlisle	0
Judge 35			
HT 1-0		Att 5,553	
Oldham	0	Sheff Utd	2
HT 0-0		Doyle 57	
HT 0-0		Kilton 86	
HT 0-0		Att 6,426	
Stevenage	0	Colchester	2
HT 0-0		Ibehre 62,73	
HT 0-0		Att 3,144	
Walsall	3	Shrewsbury	1
Grigg 30 pen,54		McAllister 77	
Westcarr 47			
HT 1-0		Att 5,496	
Yeovil	1	Tranmere	0
Upson 58			
HT 0-0		Att 4,862	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	Pt
Doncaster	35	8	4	6	23	19	11	4
Sheff Utd	35	7	7	3	27	17	10	6
Swindon	35	8	4	6	34	11	9	5
Brentford	34	10	6	2	29	17	6	7
Yeovil	35	11	2	5	31	17	8	2
Tranmere	36	8	5	5	27	18	9	4
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Walsall	36	8	5	5	28	25	7	5
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Stevenage	34	4	5	8	20	29	8	2
Carlisle	35	4	4	8	24	35	5	4
Preston	34	4	7	6	22	21	5	6
Shrewsbury	36	6	7	5	22	20	3	6
Bury	35	7	3	8	22	25	4	2
Scunthorpe	36	5	5	8	22	30	5	3
Oldham	34	5	3	9	17	21	5	3
Bulky	35	3	5	9	14	25	3	7
Hartlepool	35	4	4	9	16	24	3	5
POMPEY	36	3	4	11	19	27	3	6

npower League Two

Acc Stanley	0	Torquay	0
HT 0-0		Att 1,197	
Aldershot	1	Gillingham	1
Raid 47		Legge 75	
HT 0-0		Att 2,267	
Bristol R	3	Burton Albion	0
Burnt 5			
O'Toole 62			
Richards 70			
HT 1-0		Att 6,065	
Cheltenham	2	AFC Wimbledon	1
Elliott 10		Dickenson 63	
Carter 56			
HT 1-0		Att 3,177	
Dagenham	0	Chesterfield	1
HT 0-1		Ogogo 19 og	
Exeter	3	Northampton	0
Nicholls 22 og			
Curtion 59			
Gosling 83			
HT 1-0		Att 4,686	
Morecambe	3	Rochdale	0
McCready 9			
Ellison 60			
Fleming 63			
HT 1-0		Att 2,028	
Oxford Utd	2	Port Vale	1
Potter 10		Loft 16	
Smallley 76			
HT 1-1		Att 6,322	
Plymouth	2	Barnet	1
Houlihan 36		Hyde 21	
Murray 49			
HT 1-1		Att 8,210	
Southend	1	Rotherham	1
Hurst 73		Mullins 88	
HT 0-0		Att 4,983	



Leeds United's Michael Brown (right) and Millwall's Andy Keogh (centre) battle for the ball at Elland Road.

Wycombe	1	Fleetwood Town	0
Stewart 90		Att 3,162	
HT 0-0			
York	0	Bradford	2
HT 0-0		Hanson 77	
		Thompson 86	
		Att 5,678	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	Pt
Gillingham	35	8	4	6	30	18	11	5
Port Vale	35	8	4	5	36	18	10	5
Burton Albion	36	13	3	2	40	19	4	5
Exeter	35	6	5	7	24	21	11	2
Northampton	36	13	2	3	35	14	4	5
Cheltenham	36	10	6	2	28	16	5	7
Rotherham	34	10	1	7	34	25	7	5
Southend	35	6	5	6	21	17	8	4
Fleetwood Tn	35	7	5	5	22	23	7	5
Morecambe	36	7	4	24	21	6	3	9
Oxford Utd	35	7	5	5	24	20	7	2
Bradford	33	8	5	5	24	15	6	6
Wycombe	35	7	4	7	22	19	7	2
Chesterfield	35	7	6	5	28	18	5	5
Dagenham	36	7	4	7	23	19	4	5
Rochdale	35	5	5	7	20	20	6	4
Bristol R	35	7	3	7	25	26	4	6
York	36	4	6	8	20	27	4	10
Aldershot	36	5	4	9	17	23	4	8
Torquay	35	6	5	6	26	27	3	6
Barnet	35	5	7	5	21	20	4	3
Acc Stanley	35	4	6	7	16	23	5	4
Plymouth	35	5	6	7	20	22	3	6
AFC Wimbledon	35	3	7	8	19	28	6	2

Scottish Cup Sixth Round

Hamilton	1	Falkirk	2
Ryan 74		Aiston 44,71	
HT 0-1		Att 3,452	
St Mirren	1	Celtic	2
Goncalves 13		Ledley 5	
HT 1-2		Stokes 21	
		Att 5,572	

Clydesdale Bank Premier

Hearts	1	Motherwell	2
Sutton 59		Higdon 3	
HT 0-2		McGowan 8 og	
		Att 11,048	

Ross Cnty	0	Inverness CT	0
HT 0-0		Att 5,959	

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt		
Celtic	29	11	2	2	37	10	8	3	3	21	13	62		
Motherwell	29	6	5	4	24	20	7	2	5	23	10	46		
Inverness CT	29	5	7	3	28	21	5	5	6	25	25	43		
Ross City	29	5	7	2	16	11	5	5	5	20	23	42		
St John's	29	6	5	3	17	14	4	6	5	19	21	41		
Hibernian	29	6	4	4	21	17	4	5	6	17	21	39		
Kilmarnock	29	5	3	6	21	19	4	8	3	23	19	38		
Dundee Utd	29	3	8	3	27	24	6	3	18	26	38	38		
Aberdeen	29	4	7	4	14	14	5	5	6	19	22	37		
St Mirren	28	6	3	6	23	28	2	5	6	12	17	32		
Hearts	29	6	3	6	17	21	1	6	7	18	20	30		
Dundee	28	2	2	9	16	15	1	4	10	6	12	15		